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# *Journal*



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**September 1947**

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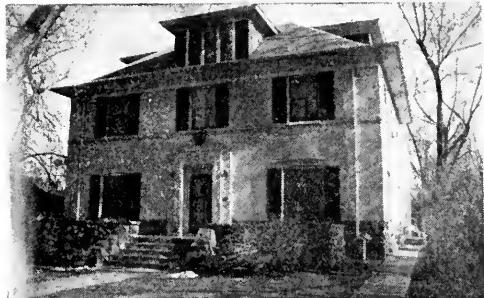
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# [The Voice of the Fraternity]

## A Plug for the Album

When "everyone forgot" and only 24 hours remained for the men of California Beta to obtain favors for their annual spring formal, consternation reigned, until one ingenuous brother asked, "What about the new Sig Ep record album?" Well, that was IT!

Not only did the Sig Ep records go over terrific with our dates but it was darn fine publicity for Sig Ep too.

Our chests really stick out when we walk along fraternity and sorority row and hear the familiar strains of "Sig Ep Girl" or one of our other songs coming from the different sorority houses.

-BILL COLT

## Queries and Opinions

In reading our February JOURNAL, I was highly disappointed in not finding any mention of our fraternity paper, the *Hoop of Steel*, which has long been an outstanding fraternity paper in our chapter history.

We have gone to great effort to put out a paper along with an alumni directory and, according to the alumni, have done a thorough job in informing them of new addresses and old acquaintances.

We put out two issues of the *Hoop of Steel* in the fall semester and now we are in the progress of another.

Here is sincerely hoping that you did not overlook us on purpose.—DARRELL B. COWELL, historian, *Kansas Beta*.

→ Please get the JOURNAL on your mailing list and constant mention will be assured.

There was some confusion as to the location of our last article. Would it be possible, under the Indiana Alpha material, to say that *Indiana Alpha is to be found under Purdue?* A few of the brothers didn't find our last article until we pointed it out, and we do want our alumni to know we are in there.—JACK MULLIGAN, historian, *Indiana Alpha*.

→ Just get in there, and they'll know. For news of the Purdue Sig Eps in this issue, see pages 58, 67, 71, 89.

Speaking of recordings, I've often wondered why "Woody" Herman wasn't asked to record one or more of our songs. At present his band is not in existence, but his vocal styling is still excellent.—CLARENCE LEGERTON, *North Carolina Epsilon*, '43.

That Ralph T. Kleymeyer, historian of the University of Texas chapter, is quite a disherouter of words. I wish there were more such

## THE HOOP OF STEEL

SIGMA PHI EPSILON FRATERNITY  
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### Reunion For MacArthur

Early chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon, the first of which was founded at Cornell University in 1905, gathered at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City recently to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the organization. General Douglas MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations Forces in the Far East, was the featured speaker. He spoke of the importance of the United Nations and the need for continued cooperation between the United States and Great Britain. He also spoke of the importance of the American soldier in the war against Japan.

### Founders Day Meetings

Former slaves attended a general Founders Day meeting at the National Museum of Negro History and Culture in Washington, D. C., recently. The meeting was held to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4. Dr. King was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement. The meeting was organized by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

### Warming Halls

Dickens' Land in Waukegan, Illinois, Sunday, June 1, is the site of the 1943 meeting of the National Council of Negro Women. The meeting is being held to raise money for the construction of a building for the National Council of Negro Women.

### Indiana Alpha

Indiana Alpha, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana, has planned a series of events to mark its 50th anniversary.

### Hoover Auditorium

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### North Carolina Epsilon

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back to its members; then we will not find it necessary to associate ourselves with one or two conscientious Sig Eps who have gained campus-wide recognition—but, on the other hand, to say "I belong to Sigma Phi Epsilon" and that alone will be a commendation. Accordingly, not until we as a group have contributed to the Fraternity can we receive anything in return. Build Sigma Phi Epsilon from your heart!—DARYL DIETRICH, president, *Washington Alpha*.

## Memorial

Sig Eps everywhere (alumni of Oregon Beta especially) will be interested to know that this chapter will have the opportunity to memorialize its six brothers killed in action in World War II through participation in the erection of a new student center on the campus.

For 25 years the students of the University of Oregon have been planning for a student center. Today with the help of alumni, friends, and the students themselves, this 25-year old dream is coming true. Oregon Beta, of Sigma Phi Epsilon, eager to contribute to the new building, has pledged \$1,000. This contribution will be used for a memorial to six brothers killed in action in World War II: Norman Nysteen, '42, Bend, Ore., killed in action, Alaska, June, 1942; First Lt. A.A.C., Ehle Reber, '41, Malin, killed in action, Europe, January, 1945; Capt. A.C.A., Hugh Hoffman, '41, Portland, killed in plane crash; Burton Osborn, '43, Long Beach, Calif.; John Lindley, '43, Portland; B. L. Hopkins, Jr., '42, Klamath Falls.

It is tentatively planned to place photographs of these men in one of the lounges, along with a plaque bearing their names. It is possible that one of the meeting rooms will be furnished by our contribution, and will be called the Sigma Phi Epsilon Room.

Our new student center will be one of the finest buildings of its kind. In the Erb Memorial Center will be housed the Alumni Association offices and those for *Old Oregon Magazine*, the offices for student government, the offices for student publications. Plans also call for an apartment and guest suite an 38 hotel rooms for campus visitors.

—JIM GILBERTSON

## N.I.C.

In my humble notion, you have missed one of the reasons for the weaknesses that have grown up, over the years, in the N.I.C. The Conference never carried the thought that any fraternity or group of fraternities should one day tell all the fraternities how to run their particular or its particular program. To get the grip-hold it became necessary to legislate, and gradually the power of the legislators has greatly sidetracked the real and only reason for the

Conference; namely to confer, give and take, and then understand. No one voice, or voices grouped into one voice, should say do this or do that, or else.

Hold in mind this fact: true Aristocracy is not in claims and foibles . . . true Aristocracy is always recognized in accomplishments. Right now it looks like SPE is the Aristocrat.

—(NAME WITHHELD)

→ This letter, another of those received in response to the recent JOURNAL article, "How the N.I.C. Has Failed," is from a national officer of one of the six or eight largest national fraternities. Sounds like a Sig Ep patting Sig Ep on the back, but it isn't.

## Homecoming for Westminster

Speaking of lifetime loyalty, as so many of the past issues of the JOURNAL have, Pennsylvania Lambda would like to extend a welcome hand to "lost" brothers. Too many of them have never returned to visit the Furnace Hell "Mansion" since departing the campus. These are the men we would like to have back.

A big inducement to return to familiar haunts of college days will be at hand during the weekend starting October 24. Then Westminster is to have its biggest homecoming in its history! This "Autumn Weekend" starts on Friday night with the "Dance of the Year," featuring one of the country's big name dance bands (last year it was Duke Ellington). Saturday lists the homecoming football game with Waynesburg College and the day is topped off with fraternity house parties in the evening.

So, now how about all you "grads" of Pennsylvania Lambda making a weekend out of it, by turning out in a body for your big homecoming celebration? See you at the house!—Russ HERRSCHER, *Pennsylvania Lambda*

## Miami Roll Call

We are doing what we can to re-establish the Miami Alumni Chapter which ceased to function during the war. Former members and all other Sig Eps who live in this area of Florida, who would be interested in resumption of this group, are urged to write to G. A. Chapman, Georgia Alpha, '15, at 3419 Banos Port, Coral Gables, Fla., or to me.—C. LAWTON McCALL, *Florida Alpha*, '27, Miami Shores Village, Fla.

## Orchid

The JOURNAL gets better all the time and the members of this chapter have made nice compliments of it. Congratulations. We realize you are very busy at this time, especially with the Conclave coming, but drop down to see us some time. It isn't so far.—EMILE T. FISHER, Historian, *North Carolina Zeta*.

# SIGMA PHI EPSILON

# Journal



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No one could tell me where  
my soul might be;  
I searched for God but He  
eluded me;  
I sought my brother out and  
found all three.  
—Ernest Howard Crosby



LOOKS as though everyone is all set for Kansas City September 2, 3, and 4. The Conclave is a great and timely topic. None has been held since the meeting in Los Angeles in 1940, and the recent war has changed the emphasis on many things—one of these being fellowship, and the teaching of it.

Although the Conclave itself is important, what it represents is more important—that is, something like 25,000 living Sig Eps who have derived a great deal from fraternity membership and are willing to support it energetically.

This issue reflects that whole parade . . . the day-to-day doings of the undergraduates, in which their lives are molded definitely for the better . . . their work and their play . . . the success stories of the rising alumni . . .

The story of three new chapter installations is reported. News of a previous installation was carried in the last issue. The next issue will report the re-installation of the University of North Carolina chapter at Chapel Hill on August 2 . . .

To keep in style, the JOURNAL is changing its dress with this issue, though some articles held over from previous issues, set in Garamond, do not conform to the others. The next issue, November, should be more pleasing in appearance.

Chapter letter material, incidentally, is becoming ever more voluminous, among the most stimulating this time being the "Pick of the Parties" feature.

—J.R.

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Aerial view of Kansas City looking north. In the foreground, Liberty Memorial and Union Station.

★ ONE OF AMERICA'S IDEAL CITIES ★



Union Station, Kansas City. The Harvey Restaurant, where so much of the Conclave was planned, is located here.



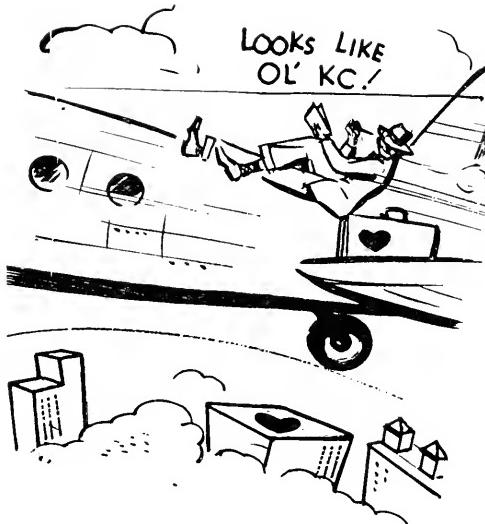
Conclave sessions will be held at Muehlebach.

## When We're at The Conclave

**Having run out of fancy adjectives in May, the Journal lets the delegates mention some of the real things they expect of the meeting in Kansas City.**

William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art and Mary Atkins Museum of Fine Arts, Kansas City, Mo., one of the most magnificent art museums, which has an endowment fund of \$15,000,000.





If such men as U.S. Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper, Lt. General Leonard T. Gerow, Dr. Ruben Gustavson, and Hal Boyle find it worthy of their time, then it must be truly important.

A Sig Ep Conclave will be a new experience to most, although there will be a large number of oldtimers there. Most of the alumni chapters have appointed delegates who will be present.

The program has been planned with the greatest care to assure a good balance of work and play.

An interesting topic will be the location of the National Headquarters, whether a new building is to be erected, and whether the Central Office will remain in the Fraternity's birthplace, Richmond, or move to a more central location.

But perhaps more important are the vital topics which are confronting the undergraduates themselves in a day when vital change is shaking many well-established foundations of society.

However, the best way to learn what these are and what the undergraduates expect of the Conclave, and what problems are giving them most concern today is to let them tell it themselves.

"With the Conclave of the Hearts coming up and the summer sessions already upon us," writes California Alpha's historian, "we are more than a little busy. With Ranulf Beames as our delegate, Calvin Dunbar the alternate, and several other men of the house, a sizeable delegation has been formed.

"The house feels that the abolition of Hell Week as just that should be undertaken. They feel that in its place should be substituted constructive form of work."

There are few chapters that are not still gravely concerned with Hell Week, which was on the agenda of most of the spring



University of Kansas City co-eds of Sigma Beta Sorority sign up for the Grand Ball with Date Chairman Richard J. Southall.

# ★ SOME UNDERGRADUATE DELEGATES ★



**John P. Davis, Jr.**  
Southern California



**John Hardaway**  
Wake Forest



**William Barnum**  
Oregon



**C. Walter Hammond**  
Iowa State



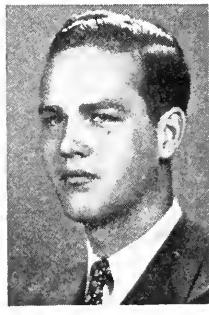
**William Oakes**  
Mississippi State



**Harold K. Burt**  
Alabama



**Laurie Ramsay**  
Colorado State



**Cornell C. Clarke**  
Kentucky



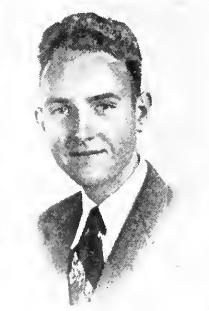
**Robert Harmon**  
Tulsa



**William H. L. Page**  
George Washington



**Arnold C. Miller**  
New York University



**Robert K. Johnson**  
Ohio State

district conventions, and the delegates feel that a "meeting of minds" on this subject will accomplish a lot.

Vital matters that Kansas Alpha men believe should be settled at Conclave are those dealing with: Hell Week, rushing and pledging, pledge training, alumni organizations, the National Headquarters, interfraternity relations, and expansion.

At Alabama, Historian Joseph C. Harrison reports that the chapter as a whole feels the Central Office should maintain a more direct and personal contact with the active chapters in order to assist them in their postwar adjustment plans. "We hope," he says, "that this will be discussed at the Conclave. Another important matter of discussion should be the plan of future ex-



Thomas H. Neal  
Registration Chairman



Herb Roush  
Publicity Chairman



Richard Haggmann  
Housing Committee Chairman

pansion to be adopted by the fraternity. Alabama Beta advocates an extensive plan of expansion, especially at such leading southern universities as U. of Georgia, Louisiana State U., Tulane, and Vanderbilt. We feel that Sigma Phi Epsilon should have chapters at such leading southern institutions of higher learning."

Many chapters are plagued by minor problems as well as major ones.

One question which has arisen for Texas Alpha on issues to be discussed at the conclave is that of the relocation of National Headquarters. The men in the chapter would like to know whether or not the chapters will have a voice in the choice of a new location or if they will simply indicate their desire for a change or retention of present

headquarters. Other topics which they feel are important and should be discussed at the Conclave are expansion issue and a new policy of mailing the JOURNAL to present addresses of actives rather than their home-town addresses.

Here are some of the matters the Oregon men are interested in:

"We feel there is a need for a National Financial report.

"How can we get more regional direction and co-ordination?

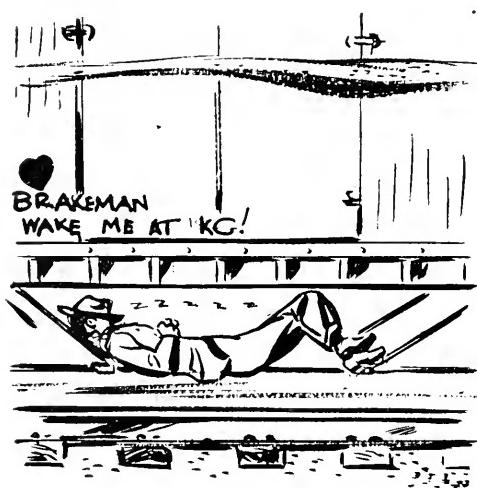
"Can an Alumni Employment Agency be set up?

"How can the national organization set the name Sig Ep before the public?"

Matters that New York Gamma men consider vitally important for the Conclave to discuss are: (1) Advisability of changing the initiation fee; (2) advisability of making the Grand Presidency a salaried position; (3) advisability of amending the Constitution and By-laws.

It is Colorado Gamma's hope that more Sig Ep chapters will be established in the western colleges and universities. "We have heard of many stray Sig Eps on these campuses and several of our brothers who have transferred to these schools have expressed the natural wish that a Sig Ep chapter was on the campus," writes the Colorado State historian.

Pertinent questions which the Iowa State chapter would like to have answered about the Conclave itself: (1) How much will it



cost above registration fee and hotel bill if we live moderately? (2) What time will the meetings close on the last day? (3) What time does the official delegate have to be there? (4) What is the deadline on registering? That is, if a man didn't send in a registration blank and then decides to go, how late will he be able to register?



**Kansas City is served by 19 major railroads and is convenient to all parts of the United States by rail, airline, bus, and motor car. Sig Eps in each city should check locally to determine best road and schedule for their specific needs.**



The central office has issued a number of bulletins to the chapters designed to clarify these points and others. These are summarized as follows:



**EXPENSES.** Only the round trip railroad fare, including Pullman fare if over fifteen hours, of delegates from the subchapters to the Grand Chapter session, shall be paid from the funds of the Grand Chapter.

Kansas City Alumni Chapter Annual Ladies' Night brought out this group for dinner in the Pine Room at Fred Harvey's. It is principally these Sig Eps who have built the great Conclave for the Fraternity in September, and it is these Sig Eps who are arranging for entertainment of the wives and daughters of Sig Eps from all over the country while the Conclave is in session, and they are having much to do with providing the date list for the Grand Ball. Standing with their wives at head of table are Herb Roush who acted as master of ceremonies (Conclave publicity chairman), Harley Schmidt, secretary of K. C. Alumni Chapter and chairman of the Hotel Committee for the Conclave; Ken Van Scy, general chairman of Conclave; James B. Murphy, treasurer of K. C. Alumni Chapter, and J. E. Corbin, vice-president. The new Jimmie Grier album of Sig Ep songs was the hit of the program.





Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, Virginia Theta, who will deliver Memorial Oration at the Conclave (left), is commanding general, Command and Staff College and Fort Leavenworth, at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Others, left to right: Margaret Ivy, Mrs. Joseph W. Ivy, Col. Elwyn D. Post (chief of staff to Gen. Gerow), and Joseph W. Ivy, Jr., Georgia Alpha.

Delegates will be reimbursed on the last day of the Conclave, Thursday, September 4, for an amount equivalent to their railroad fare. Arrangements will be made to have the proper facilities available for cashing these checks.

All additional expenses including meals, room, Conclave Registration Fee of \$15, etc., must be taken care of by the delegate.

**RESERVATIONS.** By now, you should have filled in the forms for room reservations and dates which were sent to you by the Conclave Committee and were to be returned along with your \$15 Registration Fee to this committee in Kansas City. If you have not already attended to this, please get in contact immediately with the Vice-Chairman of the Conclave Committee, Robert E. Watts, 240 Dierks Building, 1006 Grand Street, Kansas City.

**CREDENTIALS.** When you were elected as a representative of your chapter to the Conclave, you filled out two mimeographed credential forms; one of these forms was sent to this office and the other was to be kept by you to be presented to the Conclave Credentials Committee. Your copy, signed by the President and Secretary, under your chapter seal, must be presented to, and approved by, the Credentials Committee at the Conclave or you will not be seated. If you do not have this copy in your possession, please get in touch immediately with your chapter president or the Central Office, 1900

W. Broad Street, Richmond 20, so that your Credentials may be put in order by Conclave time.

**SESSIONS.** Every delegate shall be required to attend all regular business sessions of the Grand Chapter unless excused therefrom by the presiding officer. The presiding officer is empowered to assess such penalties or fines as he may deem proper failure to comply with this requirement.

The first session will begin at 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 2. The final session will be held Thursday afternoon, followed by a formal banquet.

**COMMITTEES.** An attempt will be made to place every delegate to the Conclave on a Committee. Delegates have been asked to indicate the Committee on which they prefer to serve.

## ★ CONCLAVE PROGRAM ★

Conclave Headquarters: Hotel Muehlebach,  
Kansas City

### **Monday, Labor Day, September 1, 1947**

Meeting of Grand Chapter officers and District Governors; advance registration of all delegates

### **Tuesday, September 2, 1947** Official Opening

8:00-9:30 A.M. Final registration of official chapter delegates Check of credentials

9:30 A.M. First (opening) Session

(a) Call to Order

(b) Invocation by Conclave Chaplain,  
**DR. FREEMAN HAVIGHURST**

(c) Address of Welcome by the HON.  
**WILLIAM E. KEMP**, Mayor of Kansas City, Mo.

(d) Appointment by Grand President of Committee Chairmen and Members

11:30 A.M. Keynote Address: "*Fraternity Ideals*" by **BOURKE B. HICKENLOOPER**, Iowa Beta, United States Senator from Iowa.

12:00 NOON Adjournment for Lunch. Committees will lunch as units to accelerate work

1:30 P.M. Second Session

(a) Report of Grand Secretary  
(b) Report of Grand Treasurer

2:30 P.M. Memorial Service: Address by Lt.  
**GENERAL LEONARD T. GEROW**, Virginia Theta, United States Army, Commandant of Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

3:30 p.m. First panel discussion. *Alumni and Chapter Relations*  
 4:30 p.m. Adjournment  
     Dinner at own expense and selection  
 8:00 p.m. Informal Stag Smoker and Late Buffet

**Wednesday, September 3, 1947**

9:30 a.m. Third Session  
     (a) Reports of committees  
     (b) Resolutions  
 10:15 a.m. Second panel discussion: *Rushing and Pledge Training*  
 11:15 a.m. Address by former Grand Secretary WILLIAM L. PHILLIPS, Sigma Phi Epsilon . . . Past, Present, and Future"  
 12:00 NOON Interfraternity Conference luncheon with the DR. REUBEN GUSTAVSON, Colorado Beta, president of Nebraska University, main speaker. "*The Fraternity in Our College System*"  
 2:00 p.m. Fourth Session  
     (a) Reports of committees  
     (b) Resolutions  
 3:00 p.m. Third panel discussion: *Scholarship*  
 4:00 p.m. Model Initiation  
 5:00 p.m. Adjournment  
     Dinner at own expense and selection  
 9:00 p.m. Formal Grand Ball—President Hotel (Formal for ladies and optional for men)

**Thursday, September 4, 1947**

9:30 a.m. Fifth Session  
     (a) Final committee reports  
     (b) Resolutions  
 11:00 a.m. Fourth panel discussion: *Public Relations*  
 12:00 NOON Adjournment for Lunch  
 1:30 p.m. Sixth Session  
     (a) Report of Nominating Committees  
     (b) Election of officers  
     (c) Induction of newly elected officers  
 5:00 p.m. Adjournment  
 7:30 p.m. Men's Formal Stag Banquet.  
     Harold V. Boyle, Missouri Alpha, famed war correspondent, principal speaker

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**The University of Southern California Sig Eps won the award for the most man-miles to the Conclave at Denver in 1935 and at Cleveland in 1937 and is determined to win again in '47. The 1940 Conclave was on their home grounds.**

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The vital subject of the chapter newspaper, its effective preparation and distribu-

tion, will come in for special attention during Conclave.

Copies of the papers published during the past twelve months by the various active chapters and sent to the Central Office as entries for the Benjamin Hobson Frayser Award for the best paper, will be displayed at the meeting.

There will be sufficient opportunity for the delegates to examine these and for special discussion to be had concerning the increasingly important aspects of getting out the chapter paper.

The final point of business concerning the paper will be the giving of the Benjamin Hobson Frayser Award to the chapter which has issued the most outstanding paper during the year, based on specified points taken into consideration by the committee.

The committee consists of Jack E. Krueger, Wisconsin Beta, head of the radio news department of Station WTMJ, Milwaukee, Wis.; Les Cansler, North Carolina Zeta, city editor of the *Raleigh Times*; and John Robson, editor of the JOURNAL.

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Fines will be levied against delegates for absence from sessions of the Conclave or excessive tardiness, according to Grand President Robert L. Ryan, who believes that the achievements of the meeting should be set above everything.

It is too expensive a show to spurn the challenge of serious moments. There is ample time for play when "school is out" or during recess.

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Date Committee Chairman Richard Southall has the most pleasant job on the entire Conclave staff. Dick is acquainted with many of the sorority lovelies on the University of Kansas City campus where he is working for a law degree after graduating with an A.B. from Baker University and seeing service as a Navy communications officer.

Dick promises every brother who wants a date for the Grand Ball that he shall have a really charming girl both in personality and looks. There are plenty of such in Kansas City so this will not be too difficult to

fulfill, what with the careful screening being given to all groups before applications are issued. But, fellows, *get your orders in early, PLEASE!*

## ★ CONVENTION SIDE TRIP ★

### **Fort Leavenworth**

On the banks of the Missouri River north of Kansas City, historic old Fort Leavenworth is less than an hour's drive from your convention headquarters. The fort was established as a cantonment in May of 1827 by Colonel Henry H. Leavenworth, at that time in command of the Third Infantry. He used four companies of his regiment to set up early camp which consisted of tents pitched on the west bank of the Missouri River. Thus was founded the first permanent military establishment in what is now Kansas, then Indian Territory. The stone wall built by these men as protection against marauding savages was constructed shortly after their arrival and parts of it can still be seen on the original location. The principal purpose of the fort was to defend the river crossing for the great migration to the West which was then in its early stages.

Branches of the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails started approximately one hundred yards south of the present railroad station at the fort. The deep ruts where pioneers landed their wagons and teams from river steamboats and pulled up the steep grade can still be traced between the trees. Among the famous early-day characters whose names are associated with the history of

Fort Leavenworth are Kit Carson, Will Bill Hickok and Buffalo Bill Cody.

Fort Leavenworth is perhaps most widely famed as the site of the Command and General Staff School, for the training of army officers in more advanced and specialized fields than those covered at West Point. The school was established in 1881 by General Sherman. It is now commanded by Lt. General Leonard Gerow, a loyal Sig Ep, who has taken an active interest in the Kansas City Alumni Chapter since his assignment to this duty. Brother Gerow joins all Sig Eps of the Kansas City area in urging attendance at the Conclave of the Hearts of America.

## ★ CONCLAVE GUEST ★

### **Hal Boyle**

By JOHN R. CAULEY, *The Kansas City Star*

A big, agile reporter dived headlong into a slit trench one day three years ago on a hillside in Tunisia. German shells plowed up the baked earth all around him.

"Come in," said a grinning soldier, unnecessarily. "I've had all kinds of people in here today, but you're the first newspaper correspondent. What kind of news do you expect to find in a slit trench anyway?"

The reporter was Hal Boyle, who in that year and others following it had virtually lived in the foxholes of Africa, Sicily and Italy in order to get front line news for hundreds of Associated Press newspapers.

Born in Kansas City February 21, 1911, Boyle took a job as night office boy in the Kansas City office of the Associated Press after being graduated from High School. He left this A. P. office boy job to attend the University of Missouri where he received a degree in journalism in 1932 with distinction in English. He was initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1931 and lived in the house during his entire tenure at the University.

He served successively with the A. P. in the Kansas City, St. Louis and the New York bureaus after college.

When Boyle was 14 years old and a student at Central High School in Kansas City he was helping his mother clean house one day when he came across several copies of



Academic Building, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The Kansas City Star of the year 1918. Eagerly he read the stories of the battles of World War I, then turned to his mother and said, "Mom, some day maybe I can be a war correspondent."

To anyone who knows Hal Boyle that was no dreamy boast. He had intense ambitions to be a newspaperman and overcame many obstacles to reach his goal.

On the campus at the University of Missouri, Hal was a popular and effervescent figure although he used to shock some of his more conformist colleagues with his views at "bull sessions." To his brothers in the Sig Ep house he was a continual source of wonderment and sometimes dread. A powerful and muscular lad, Hal loved to wrestle and no Sig Ep ever felt himself safe from the clutches of Boyle's steel-like arms.

Probably the most harassed character of those days at M. U. was Boyle's roommate. When Hal would return to the room at night, he would undress, put on his pajamas, sans tops, then turn to his wincing colleague: "get your nose out of those books. You and I are going to do a little wrestling before I go to bed."

Whereupon the hapless roommate\* would find himself being slammed down on the floor, gasping for breath as Boyle demonstrated the strangle hold. Then Boyle would flex his chest in a mock imitation of Tarzan and go from room to room, knocking on each door and asking, "Anyone in here want to wrestle."

On the serious side Hall used his amazing concentration to come up with brilliant marks in his studies. Often he would start reading a book at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and stay with it until 5 o'clock the next morning. He never thought much about sleep. There were always too many things going on.

The "Honest Hal" episode is one of the better known fun-making stunts of the former war correspondent.

It was during a victory parade in a North

\* EDITOR'S NOTE: This "hapless roommate" was the author of this article, now assistant City Editor of *The Kansas City Star*, an Associated Press member paper which carries all of Boyle's writings.



"Can Boyle visit us?" is the refrain coming from hundreds of AP editors throughout the country.

Hal Boyle's column . . . man-on-the-street kind of human interest reporting he developed on war battle-fields . . . is one of

the top newspaper reader attractions today.

On a roving assignment, Boyle has filled scores of requests for personal appearances.

We're sorry Boyle can't be everywhere—but AP editors everywhere can and do have Boyle's personalized column . . . appearing daily already in hundreds of newspapers.

PULITZER PRIZE  
INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
EMILE PYLE LECTURE  
SKP

GOLD STAR MOTHERS CITATION FOR HUMAN INTEREST REPORTING

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI AWARD  
FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO  
JOURNALISM

THE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

But he shows up at the Sig Ep functions . . .

African city that Boyle, jolting along in a jeep, stood up and shouted:

*Boyle, Boyle, son of the soil,  
Honest Hal, The Arab's pal.*

The natives must have taken the gesture as some kind of victory tribute because when high-ranking American officers rode into town later they were greeted by the natives chanting the "Honest Hal" rhyme.

Boyle received the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished correspondence in 1945 and this year was awarded a medal of honor for distinguished service in journalism from the University of Missouri.

Since his return from the wars Boyle has been writing a daily column for the Associated press, some of his subjects being his family's reunion, the old corner drug store, his wife, his mother and the lure of California. He flew to Texas City, Texas, to cover the disastrous blast there and his brilliant eye-witness accounts were printed in papers all over the country.

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★ ★ *Ab, better be a poor fisherman than meddle with the government of men!—Danton.*

**★ C O N C L A V E  
D E L E G A T E S ★**

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC: Henry Jackson Bradley, Jr., Robert C. Bruner  
 ALABAMA: Harold K. Burt, Henry C. Atchison  
 BAKER: Wilfred Thompson, Jack Bowerman  
 BUCKNELL: Joseph Levi, Orlando L. Nichols  
 CALIFORNIA: Ranulf P. Beames, Calvin Warner Dunbar  
     Santa Barbara: not reported  
 CARROLL: Robert Michel, Robert L. Metcalf  
 COLORADO MINES: Harold T. Hoak, James G. Johnstone  
 COLORADO STATE: Laurie Ramsey, Hugo Stuckenschneider  
 COLORADO: Carl Jackson Taylor, Jr., Gene Roy Bartlett  
 CORNELL: Spencer K. Meschter, Robert Messenger  
 DARTMOUTH: "We are not sending a delegate."  
 DAVIDSON: Andrew L. White, Jerryold S. Robinson  
 DELAWARE: William E. Otton, Frank H. Balling, II  
 DENVER: Marriner Heider, Jack Smolenske  
 DUKE: Not reported  
 FLORIDA: Terry Lyle, Richard Minor  
 GEORGE WASHINGTON: William Henry Lee Page, Leroy Arthur Rowell  
 GEORGIA TECH: Clinton L. Lewis, Jr., James W. Sneed  
 ILLINOIS: Kenneth E. Pickens, William Sandberg  
 INDIANA: Richard Russell, Bruce Cole  
 IOWA STATE: C. Walt Hammond, Norman J. Egli  
 IOWA: E. F. Naramore, Jr., D. A. Walter  
 IOWA WESLEYAN: Ralph Schmidt, Gerald Ferris  
 JOHNS HOPKINS: E. L. Johnson, Jr., E. Dean Morrow  
 KANSAS STATE: Harold E. Hines, Robert K. Harrar  
 KANSAS: Con M. Johnson, Glen Kapplerman  
 KENTUCKY: Cornell C. Clarke, Joseph Ballard  
 LAWRENCE: Thomas Jones, William Bick  
 LEHIGH: Jack Christie  
 LOUISVILLE: Joseph G. Goodman, William B. Clem  
 MASSACHUSETTS STATE: Charles Winthrope Bailey, Joseph Wertelynky  
 MICHIGAN: Don Lessig, Maurice Dosier  
 MIDDLEBURY: None reported  
 MISSISSIPPI STATE: William Oakes H. F. Flemming  
 MISSISSIPPI: Gerald Jacobs, Everette E. Moore  
 MISSOURI: Daniel P. Finney, Fred G. Veinfurt  
 MINNESOTA MINES: Donald Reinhart, Philip Davidson  
 MONTANA: Martin T. Farris, John C. Stevens

MUHLENBERG: William T. Evans, Paul R. Evans  
 NEBRASKA: Richard G. Folda, Walter W. Dorothy  
 NEW MEXICO: Elwin Schaefer, John King  
 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY: Arnold C. Miller, III, Robert E. Larsen  
 NORTH CAROLINA STATE: James P. Boger, Ira K. Davis  
 NORWICH: Thomas Howley, Edward C. Donahue  
 OHIO NORTHERN: James West, Ralph Pollock  
 OHIO STATE: Robert K. Johnson, William Heim  
 OHIO WESLEYAN: Alan Braun, David J. Vaughan  
 OKLAHOMA A and M: Mahlon Robertson, Albert L. Richardson  
 OKLAHOMA: Gordon Hillhouse, James Rodgers  
 OREGON STATE: Harold Firestone, Richard Lamb  
 OREGON: William S. Barnum, Donald R. Kay  
 PENN STATE: Willard Agnew, Donald Van Lunen  
 PENNSYLVANIA: Thomas Dove III  
 PURDUE: William E. Van Horne, Thomas R. Sutter  
 RANDOLPH-MACON: William Sindlinger, Jr., Emanuel K. Bhatta  
 RENSSELAER: Arthur Reinhardt, Hank Whitten  
 RICHMOND: Not reported  
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: John P. Davis, Archie J. Clower, Jr.  
 SYRACUSE: Ralph Coon, Wallace Marks  
 STEVENS TECH: Nicholas Stagias  
 TEMPLE: Anthony N. Durso, Robert Fertig  
 TENNESSEE: Edward A. Brown, George Fred Williams  
 TEXAS: M. C. Lewis, Norman Utter  
 TULSA: Robert Harmon, Frisco Madrigal  
 UTAH STATE: Robert C. Chote, Howard W. Taylor  
 VIRGINIA: Not reported  
 WAKE FOREST: John Hardaway, Ney Lynch  
 WASHINGTON STATE: Norman A. O'Donnell, Benton M. Bangs  
 WASHINGTON: Jim Mergens, Bob Jensen  
 WEST VIRGINIA: Charles R. Ward, Jr., Peter Larsen  
 WESTMINSTER: Ronald Jack McDaniel, Harry Alexander Savisky  
 WISCONSIN: Jack G. Slater, Karl F. Hoelzel  
 WORCESTER TECHNIC: Walter D. Allen, Jr., Clifton C. Nickerson  
 WYOMING: Kenneth G. Nielsen, Hank Barlow  
 RUTGERS: Gustave A. Schmidt, Jr., Robert Messenger

★ ★ Those who have few affairs to attend to are great speakers. The less men think, the more they talk.—Montesquieu.

# Williams Heads Mighty Waldorf

A New York Beta man who completed Cornell's fine course in hotel administration now runs the most glamorous hostelry of them all.

**A** PERSONABLE young Sig Ep who took Cornell University's famed hotel administration course back in the late '20s, is manager of America's top-rate hotel—the Waldorf-Astoria on New York City's Park Avenue. He is Henry B. Williams, New York Beta, '30.

Williams is a graduate of Cornell University, and returned to New York from Florida where he had been manager of the Boca Raton Club. He began his duties in May. In accepting the management of the Waldorf, he said he regretted extremely leaving the Schine organization and the Boca Raton Club, but "I cannot refuse a call to return home to the Waldorf."

His original hotel experience was gained at the Hotel New Yorker and in various resorts. He came to the Waldorf in 1931, and successively filled important positions including those of executive office manager, secretary to the president of the Corporation (then Lucius Boomer, who died recently in Norway) and executive assistant manager.

Williams accepted an offer made by the owners to manage the Dodge Hotel in Washington, which position he held from 1940 to 1946.

He is president of the Cornell Society of Hotelmen. He has represented the Waldorf-Astoria at hotel association meetings all over the United States and Canada, and has made many addresses on employee training, in which subject he became a specialist, participating in the production of various Waldorf films used for employee training.



Henry B. Williams, New York Beta, Waldorf Manager.

In 1936 the Waldorf-Astoria sent him to Europe as exchange assistant manager to study luxury hotel operation in London in the hotels operated by the Savoy Company, which include besides the Savoy, the famous Claridge's and Berkeley.

## Conclave Registration

Thomas H. Neal, Registration Chairman  
Conclave of the Hearts of America  
Hotel Muehlebach  
Kansas City 3, Missouri

Dear Brother Neal:

I am planning to attend the Conclave of the Hearts of America in Kansas City September 2, 3, and 4.

Please make a hotel reservation for me for the following days and nights . . . . .

. . . . .

Name and chapter . . . . .

Address . . . . .



National officers of Sigma Phi Epsilon meet University of Louisville officials at Kentucky Beta installation banquet. Left to right, national Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr., U. of L. president Dr. John W. Taylor, Sig Ep National President Bob Ryan, and Dr. Elwood C. Davis, U. of L. Dean of Men and Athletic Director.

## Sig Ep Mows Down More Blue Grass

By THOMAS P. SHIVELY

Kentucky Beta goes in at the University of Louisville on May 17—oldest local fraternity of oldest municipal university in America.

Charter members, Missouri Gamma . . . Seated, left to right: Joe Cronk, Olie Wafer, Art Shaver, Don Detjen, Howard Lester, Charles Browning. Standing: Jack Hammann, Jim Miller, B. J. Rhoads, Al Hudson, Ralph Schowalter, Tom Wirls, Dwayne Witherspoon, Don Reinert, Bill Shepard, Phil Davidson, Charley Johnson, Frank White, Tom Burke, Jack MacDonald, Hugh Forman, Gene Warren, Jack Stephens, Jim Snider, Karl Krautschneider, Gale Hesler, Bob Ray, Al Danz, Wallace Tucker, Charles Tucker. Not in photo: Ralph Grimm, Art Heyl, Cecil Herrman.

**D**ELTA SIGMA, the oldest fraternity on the campus of the oldest municipal university in the United States—the University of Louisville has become Kentucky Beta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The Alpha chapter, at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, was chartered in 1933. Ground-work was laid for the establishment of the new chapter by the Delta Sigma president Vincent Lococo and R. Graham White, president of the Sig Ep Louisville Alumni Association.

Having attended a number of chapter meetings, White was impressed with these men, and they for their part looked favorably upon the prospect of becoming wearers of the heart. Finally, the University itself thought well of the prospects. The Central Office in Richmond sent constant encouragement.

The usual host of campus communiqués were gathered from school officials and the numerous organizations at U. of L.

Thus on May 17, 1947, 35 active members, and a multitude of alumni of old Delta Sigma were inducted into Sig Ep membership, and the oldest fraternity became the newest national representative at Louisville, amid an influx of congratulatory telegrams and letters from Sig Ep chapters all over America, and the personal hand-clasping extended to the new Louisville brothers from Sig Ep representatives from schools throughout Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

The formal initiation took place at the



Brown Hotel, Friday evening and Saturday morning, May 16 and 17, and later Saturday evening, the visiting Sig Eps, headed by National President Bob Ryan, along with alumni of both Delta Sigma and Sigma Phi Epsilon and University officials, were guests of the new Kentucky Beta chapter at a banquet at the Henry Clay Hotel followed by a dance with music supplied by a local orchestra.

The history of old Delta Sig reads like a glamorous adventure since its stormy beginning in 1919, up to the present day.

Organized when fraternal orders were non-existent on the campus and anti-fraternity rules governed the thoughts of U. of L. officials, the original founders were forced to organize and conduct their early meetings underground and they tagged the name "Delphian Society" to their newly conceived fraternity.

In 1922, after being recognized by the school, and paving the way for fraternal life on the campus, Delta Sigma petitioned the University to allow them to use U. of L.'s name for the Delt's football team. That was the beginning of the pigskin sport at Louisville, and through the years, a large majority of the athletes on the campus have belonged to Delta Sigma. Many of the great unbeaten 1925 Louisville football team members wore the Delta Sig emblem.

At present, the new Sig Ep chapter is very prominently represented on all campus sports squads. In the recent "Most Outstanding Athlete" balloting held on the campus, nine of the nineteen athletes who polled fifteen or more votes were Delts, now Sig Eps.

Through the efforts of Delta Sigma, the *Cardinal*, the official student publication, was established in 1922. At present, the position of sports editor is being filled by a new Sig Ep.

Among other current accomplishments engineered by new Sig Eps, Vince Lococo, able president of Kentucky Beta, was captain of the 1946 Louisville football squad and Art Heitlauf, a first string end on the 1946 aggregation, was elected to head the 1947 Cardinals on the gridiron at the termination of spring practice.



Ray Breunig and Betty Burgess take a squint at the Sig Ep record folio as other new Kentucky Beta actives and their dates look on. Left to right (second row): Art Zubrod, Bonnie Tuggle, Tommy Carroll, Dorothy Spalding, and Nancy Long. Back row: Jean Muthler, Ray Schuppert, Marian Meimen, Bill Clem, and Chubby Heitlauf.

Since a large majority of Kentucky Beta members live in Louisville and its environs, social life goes on constantly. However, several of the outstanding annual social gatherings that Delta Sigma has served as host in the past are steeped in tradition.

The most recent was the annual "Pig Party" held last December. The "Pig Party" had its beginning in 1939, and its story should be told in the JOURNAL some day, for it is a cherished tradition!

Along the sports trail, a new Kentucky Beta member, Roy Tipton from Corbin, Ky., was the subject of the "Most Hilarious Sports Incident" that the U. of L. publicity bureau recently relayed to Arch Ward, sports editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, for use in his column.

During the 1946 football season, and the traditional pigskin fray between Louisville and Western Kentucky State Teachers College at Bowling Green, Ky., Tipton was inserted at one of the halfback slots early in the third period. The Cardinals, although highly favored, were behind 13-0, and had been practically leaning on their own goal posts throughout the first half.

After the opening third period kickoff, the Redbirds had succeeded in penetrating to their own 45-yard line in a sustained drive, but with third down and 15 yards



Captain (end) of the 1947 Louisville football team, Art Heitlauf (left) holds office of marshal in chapter. Captain (guard) of the 1946 University of Louisville football team, Vince Lococo, president of the new Kentucky Beta chapter is retiring captain.

to go for a first down, the Cards looked as though they had used up their last ounce of energy in a vain come-back attempt.

Quarterback Frank Gitschier took a fatal chance to cross up the opposition and called an end run in an attempt to circle the strong side of Western's line, with U. of L.'s star freshman halfback, Joe Trabue, handling the mail.

Well, five-foot-eight Tipton was leading the interference, and ran headlong into the six-foot-two giant Western end, "Butch" Melino, and while striving to slow up the on-rushing Hilltopper flankman, Tipton severely clipped Melino, fortunately while the referees had their backs turned.

Incensed by Tipton's act, Melino rose and began pounding Red's cranium, whilst muttering invective. Obligingly, the referees had turned to view Melino's onslaught after Trabue's rabbit-like dash had carried the sphere to the Western 18-yard line, and penalized the protesting Hilltoppers 15 more yards to their 3-yard line.

From there Louisville went on to score the first of three touchdowns in the third quarter, the Cards marking up a counter each of the three occasions they attained possession of the ball in that period.

Looking forward to the fall semester that begins in September, the Kentucky Beta chapter has begun a far-reaching plan for expansion.

Bill Clem and Joe Goodman have been

elected to represent Kentucky Beta at the Conclave in Kansas City, officially. However, about fifteen others are planning to attend.

Already, the new Louisville chapter has an unusual number of choice prospective pledges, with the emphasis on a well-balanced pledge class.

With the advent of September, 1947, the new chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, has expectancies of writing more episodes to its already historical record.

Officers of the Kentucky Beta chapter include: Vince Lococo, president; Ray Breunig, vice-president; Bill Lippy, comptroller; Tom Shively, historian; Bob Panther, secretary; Gene Roberts, guard; and John Shacklette, Art Heitlauf and Joe Goodman, marshals.

Other actives include: Tom Barry, Bill Bryant, Bill Buckman, Bill Clem, Larry Czerwonka, Rod Dew, Harold Finley, George Fultz, Jr., Stuart Gibson, Paul Ginther, James Hess, Emmart Hilton, Stan Hobb, Ed Hord, Ted Johnson, John Knopf, Arch Lewis, John Malone, Tom McGuire, Phil Muldoon, George Phillips, Ray Reams, J. B. Reams, James Richards, John Scearce, Alfred Simon, Roy Tipton, Norvin Vonderhite, Jr., and Arthur Zubrod.



Basketball star at University of Louisville, Sig Ep Johnny Knopf, receives his "L" Club Certificate at the Most Outstanding Player dance at the U. of L. gymnasium from Coach Hickman. Knopf placed second in the Outstanding player contest, polling 30 per cent of the total voting.



Newly installed officers of Missouri Gamma . . . Left to right: Al Hudson, Howard Lester, Don Detjen, Don Reinert, Tom Wirs, Jack Stephens, Charles Browning, Jack Hammann (faculty adviser), Gale Hesler.

MISSOURI GAMMA CHAPTER of Sigma Phi Epsilon became the tenth social fraternity on the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy campus, May 10, 1947, when 29 members of the Pegis Club were initiated as charter members of the 74th chapter of the fraternity. Sig Ep has one other chapter in this state, Missouri Alpha at the U. of Missouri, only recently reactivated. The Beta chapter at Washington in St. Louis has been out of business since 1941.

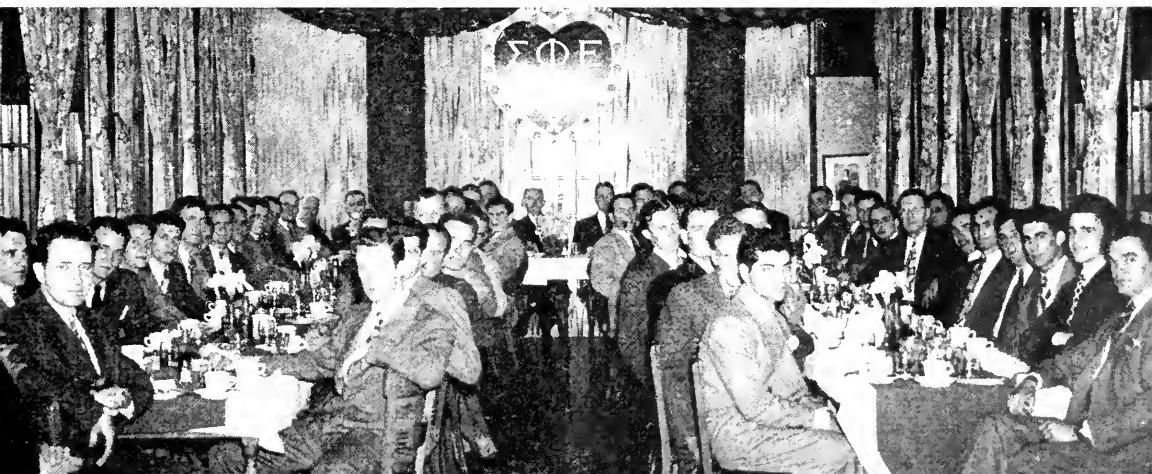
Fifteen members of Kansas Alpha, Baker University, journeyed from Baldwin, Kan., to conduct the initiation ceremonies, and to

## Sig Ep Comes to Missouri Mines

By THOMAS WIRFS

The Fraternity takes its place at the Missouri School of Mines & Metallurgy on May 10, a small but world-famed institution, joining 9 fine nationals.

Installation banquet, Missouri Gamma, Pennant Tavern, Rolla, Mo., May 11, 1947.



install officers. Present for the installation were Thos. J. Guilfoil, president, St. Louis Alumni Chapter, William R. Fish, Joseph P. Ramsey, and H. S. McCrary, members of the St. Louis chapter; William R. Wright, Thomas J. Neal, R. J. Southall, and Judge Earle W. Frost, from Kansas City; and J. Herbert Roush, who represented Missouri Alpha. Frank Ruck, Jr., Field Secretary, and William W. Hindman, Jr., Grand Secretary, were in Rolla to aid in the installation and to welcome the new Sig Ep chapter. The energetic and timely assistance of Frank Ruck in organizing details of the installation was of great value, and Missouri Gamma is deeply indebted to him for his efforts.

Four prominent Rolla business men, Cecil Herrman, Wallace Tucker, Charles Tucker, and Ralph Grimm, were initiated as alumni and charter members. These four men have long been interested in the student body of the Missouri School of Mines, as well as in local Masonic and civic affairs, and Missouri Gamma is proud to number them among its brothers.

New initiates into Sigma Phi Epsilon were the following: Don Detjen, Webster Groves, Mo.; Al Hudson, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Charles Browning and Joe Cronk, Rosiclare, Ill.; Tom Wirs, Tom Burke, Don Reinert, Ralph Scholwalter, Karl Krautschneider, Arthur Shaver, James Miller, and Art Heyl,

Five of the Kansas Alpha Sig Eps who journeyed to Rolla for the initiation and installation of Missouri Gamma. Included in this group were Jack Bowerman, Curtis L. Marrs, Ronald A. Bourg, William H. Beck, George Mansour, Richard P. Joyce, William L. Neal, William Thompson, Dick Hucke, Kenneth Kilcher, D. W. Mosslander, Dean Swanson, and R. C. Southall.

St. Louis, Mo.; Jack MacDonald, Roselle, N.J.; William Shepard, Upper Montclair, N.J.; Gene Warren, Mill Spring, Mo.; Dwayne Witherspoon, Fredonia, Kan.; Charles Johnson, Fayette, Mo.; Jack Stephens, Richmond Hts., Mo.; Galen Hesler, Anderson, Ind.; Howard Lester, Kirkwood, Mo.; Al Danz, Union, Mo.; Philip Davidson, Hickman Mills, Mo.; Hugh Forman, Youngstown, Ohio; Oliver Wafer, Greenville, Ill.; and Frank White, Chicago, Ill. Jim Snider, Kirkwood, Mo., of New Mexico Alpha and Illinois Alpha; B. J. Rhoads, Oil Center, N.M., of New Mexico Alpha; and Bob Ray, Maplewood, Mo., of Illinois Alpha, were affiliated as charter members. Jack Hammann, of Indiana Alpha, a member of the electrical engineering department, was affiliated as faculty adviser.

Visiting Sig Eps, faculty members, and representatives of all the social fraternities on the campus were guests of the new chapter at a banquet held at the Pennant Tavern Sunday afternoon, May 11. Dean Curtis L. Wilson, Assistant Dean Rex Z. Williams, Prof. C. E. Black, Prof. K. E. Born, and Dr. D. S. Eppelsheimer represented the Mines faculty. The banquet hall was gaily decorated in violet and rose, and a large replica of the Sig Ep heart was hung behind the speaker's table. Names of the new members were printed in gold on black hearts which decorated the sides of the hall. Each place was furnished with a program, a monogrammed place-card, and a souvenir match folder, engraved with "Sigma Phi Epsilon, Missouri Gamma."

After a steak dinner, President Don Detjen introduced Dean Wilson, who welcomed the new fraternity to the campus, and Assistant Dean Williams, who congratulated the chapter on its installation, and expressed confidence that it would take its place among the best on the campus. Judge Earle Wesley Frost, of Kansas City, a distinguished Sig Ep and past Grand President, was the principal speaker, Richard Southall, also of Kansas City, presided as toastmaster.

Bill Hindman commended Jim Snider, Bob Ray, B. J. Rhoads, and Jack Hammann for their excellent work in organizing and guiding the new chapter. During the fall





Missouri Gamma . . . Kneeling, Tom Wirfs, Tom Burke, Bob Ray; Standing, Don Reinert, Jim Snider, Charles Browning, Ralph Schowalter.

semester of 1946, these four men formed the Pegis Club with the idea of bringing Sigma Phi Epsilon to the MSM campus. They made no drive for pledges, but selected men one by one and invited them to join the organization, stressing quality, rather than number of members as the keynote. They were given every assistance possible by national Sig Ep officers, and by alumni organizations in St. Louis and Kansas City. Their efforts were finally rewarded on May 10, when Missouri Gamma became a part of the campus. The new chapter was deluged with letters and telegrams of congratulations from Sig Ep chapters all over the country. Missouri Gamma wishes to express its heartfelt thanks for the interest shown in the installation by its brother chapters.

The newly installed officers of Missouri Gamma are: Don W. Detjen, president; Charles M. Browning, Vice-president; Al Hudson, comptroller; Thomas P. Wirfs, historian; John F. Stephens, secretary; Don Reinert, guard; Galen Hesler and Howard Lester, marshals.

Sigma Phi Epsilon can well be proud of having a chapter at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy. "MSM," as it is known to its students and friends, was established December 20, 1870, for the purpose of fulfilling the need for competent engineers in the mining and metallurgical industries. Other curricula were soon added,

and today, the school offers courses leading to degrees in geology, and in civil, electrical, mechanical, ceramic, chemical, metallurgical, and mining engineering. Its graduates have spread its fame throughout the world, and at present 27 different countries are represented among the student body. Enrollment has increased from a pre-war high of 900, to over 2,000. In spite of this great expansion, the traditional high academic standards have been maintained.

Sigma Phi Epsilon at Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy takes its place with Lambda Chi Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Triangle, Theta Kappa Phi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Pi, Kappa Alpha, and Tau Kappa Epsilon in perpetuating high fraternal ideals and brotherhood on the campus of this world-famed institution.

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*★ ★ What the world needs is a liberal education worthy of the name. This would be an education educating a man's humanity, rather than indulging his individuality. It would be an education appropriate to man, offering him the habitual vision of greatness, and dealing primarily, in a world of rapid change, with values independent of time or place.*

*I believe that such an education is supplied by a course of study consisting of the great works of the mind, together with those intellectual techniques which are necessary to understanding them. Still, I do not insist on the great civilizing writers and thinkers of the past. If anybody can suggest a curriculum which is more likely to achieve the objects I have named than the one I have proposed, I shall gladly embrace him and it.*

*We must now engage in the liberal education of everybody, of all young people and all adults. This program requires drastic changes in our educational institutions. These changes should have been made years ago. But until they are made, we cannot claim that the task which history has imposed upon American education is beyond human achievement. It is better to try and fail than to decline the challenge.—ROBERT MAYNARD HUTCHINS, Alpha Delta Phi, president, University of Chicago*



California Gamma Installation, June 15, 1947 . . . Grand President Robert L. Ryan addresses the banquet. Left to right: Hal Boyle (Pulitzer winner), Harry C. Butcher, California Gamma president, Willis Colbern, Ryan, California Beta president John Davis, District Governor Paul B. Slater, Faculty Adviser Dean William Ashworth.

## We Saunter into Santa Barbara

**Harry Butcher and Hal Boyle assist the proceedings at which California Gamma is born at Santa Barbara College of the University of California.**

TWENTY golden Sig Ep hearts now rest on the proud breasts of the charter members of California Gamma, 76th on the roster of Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters.

Installation of this fledgling chapter at Santa Barbara College of the University of California, on Sunday, June 15, adds another far-western campus to Sig Ep's rolls and firmly entrenches Sigma Phi Epsilon in tenth place nationally as to number of chapters.

An all-day affair, held at Santa Barbara's

Installation of California Gamma at Santa Barbara, June 15, 1947 . . . Left to right: First Row: Initiates Borie, Reece, Linder, Keating, Colbern, Smith, Plassman, Arthur Tichenor, Chapter Advisor; Wm. Ashworth, Faculty Advisor. Second Row: Wilson, Gilbert, Wilson, Kiggens, Rice, Taylor-Godwin, Adams. Third Row: Erickson, Johnson, Stinson, Russum, Crary, Nelson. Photo by Walter Stiles, California Beta.





California Gamma president Willis Colbern, flanked by his charming wife, receives congratulations from Grand President Robert L. Ryan. Left to right: John Davis, Hal Boyle, Mrs. Colbern, Bill, Bob, Harry C. Butcher, and Paul Slater. Photo by Walter Stiles.

hacienda-type Neighborhood House, since the chapter doesn't as yet have a house of its own, initiations began at 10:30 after a pledging ceremony conducted by District Governor Paul B. Slater. Chapter president Willis Colbern was first on the list of initiates put through by two ritualistic teams sent to Santa Barbara from Los Angeles by California Beta and headed by California Beta president John Davis. Bill was followed by the 19 other neophytes.

The following names are inscribed on the roster as of June 14: Willis G. Colbern, Clifton C. Gilbert, John A. Keating, Kenneth N. Linder, Leslie B. Nelson, Willard R. Reece, Robert R. Rice, Douglas R. Russum, Frederick E. Smith, Hubert H. Taylor-Godwin, Burwell A. Wilson, John Jay Plessman, Charles Reid Adams, John Dudley Borie, William Alfred Crary, Jr., John Robert Erickson, Richard O'Neil Johnson, William Patrick Kiggens, James Lewis Stinson, and James Allen Wilson.

Last man to be initiated was P. H. Ackerman, of Stevens Tech, '09. "P.H." had been a member of the local that eventually went TUO and then Sig Ep, and a team composed of California Betans and headed by Grand President Bob Ryan initiated him for New Jersey Alpha. P.H. is located in Los Angeles, where he is alumni secretary for his alma mater, and L.A. alumni are looking forward to his participation in Sig Ep activities.

At 4:15 in the afternoon Orville Caldwell, executive assistant to the Mayor of Los Angeles, and best remembered by Sig Eps for his "Interpretation" at the 1940 Con-

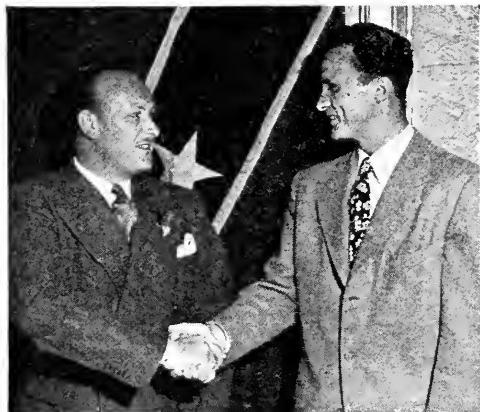
clave, gave that part of the ceremony to the new initiates.

The banquet at Eaton's Restaurant at 7:30, with 115 actives, alumni, and their ladies present, had been well planned by the men of California Gamma. John Davis of California Beta acted as toastmaster, introducing in turn District Governor Paul B. Slater for the installation of officers, Grand President Robert L. Ryan, L. A. Alumni President Carl Hansen, guest representative Assistant Dean of Men Clyde S. Johnson of U.C.L.A., Faculty Adviser and co-founder Dean William Ashworth, Chapter Adviser and co-founder Arthur Tichenor of the Santa Barbara faculty, Bill Colbern for an introduction of California Gamma men and their ladies, Missouri Alpha's Hal Boyle for a spot of witty comment, and Iowa Beta's Harry C. Butcher as the speaker of the evening.

Captain Butcher reminded the boys that if they were to steal the Dean's pig, not do it as the Betas did at Ames when they dragged it through fresh snow to the back door and then wondered how anyone found

California Beta's two ritualistic teams which served at the installation of California Gamma.





California Alpha president John Davis congratulates California Gamma president Bill Colbern at installation.

out they did it. All of the members of California Gamma were introduced, with wives or girl friends, and Hal Boyle later remarked that the present day college man was learning to change diapers along with a college education. He said that in his day if a baby buggy ever appeared on Fraternity Row, half of the fraternity presidents would have left town.

California Beta presented a scrap book, the L.A. Alumni Chapter gave the chapter a check plus the money for the banquet, a check was received from William W. Hindman, Jr., and messages were read from all the Grand Chapter Officers welcoming the new chapter.

California Gamma had what some might call a whirlwind courtship of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Just three months before its installation, it was founded as Sigma Epsilon on the Santa Barbara College campus. But it had excellent guidance and was able to avoid many of the mistakes that young fraternity groups sometimes make. New Hampshire Alpha alumnus William Ashworth, dean of the lower division at Santa Barbara College, was approached by a former Oregon Beta pledge, Leslie Nelson, about starting a group to petition Sig Ep. Soon another faculty member, alumnus Arthur Tichenor of Wisconsin Alpha, had the same idea but was unaware of any other Sig Eps being in Santa Barbara. Through correspondence with Richmond the loose ends were tied together, and soon twenty men were pledged

to Sigma Epsilon. A meeting was arranged in Santa Barbara, attended by Bob Ryan, Paul Slater, John Davis and Hugh Slayden, former L.A. alumni president, at which the formalities of petitioning were discussed, and the fledgling group began preparing its petition.

One important step in the preparation of Sigma Epsilon for petitioning was the district convention held in Los Angeles May 9 and 10, attended by Dean Ashworth and three Santa Barbara students, Bud Wilson, Ken Linder, and Willard Reece. These men were able to obtain in two days much information which otherwise may have taken them months.

First national fraternity on the campus, California Gamma stands in an enviable position. It will be followed soon by two or three other nationals, but the advantage of its head start has already begun to be noticed. Outstanding men on the campus have been approaching California Gamma members asking how they can become members of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Unique in its distinction that all twenty charter members are ex-service men, California Gamma also has many married men on its rolls. The enthusiasm and willingness to work toward a goal shown by these Sig Eps seems to belie the too-oft-spoken phrase that "married men do not make good fraternity men." It just isn't true.

Founded in 1891 as a home economic and domestic arts school, Santa Barbara College became a state normal school in 1909, and remained such until 1944 when it was taken into the University of California as its eighth campus. One hundred and ten acres of land on what is known as the Mesa, north of Santa Barbara, is the location of the college's industrial education departments and will in the next few years become the main campus. This spot is ideally located for a university campus and the modern buildings planned for it should make it one of America's most beautiful campuses. The main campus is now located in the hills near the main part of town. The college boasts a current enrollment of 2,600. There are three local fraternities and eight local sororities.

Development is sure to be swift.

# Industry in the Public Interest

Since 1937 Tom Brennan has been teaching America's industrialists to operate in a way that the people will be certain is good for them.

**W**HAT seems to be the key spot in harmonizing the thinking and activities of industrial associations is held down by Thomas M. Brennan, Pennsylvania Epsilon, '29.

As vice-president of the National Association of Manufacturers in charge of inter-association relations, Brennan has the job of maintaining close two-way liaison between NAM and manufacturers associations—state, local, and industry-wide.

"Quite apart from the personal inspiration of stimulating organized sections of industry to work toward the goal of public interest, the unending daily variety of the problems presented makes this job of mine downright fascinating," Brennan says.

Captain of the freshman wrestling team at Lehigh University and member of the varsity football team in 1927 and '28, Brennan joined NAM in 1937 after service with the Bankers Trust Company, New York City. He rose rapidly to top executive rank.

His present job is to keep in touch with sentiment among the 40,000-odd manufacturers in the associations that make up the National Industrial Council. He sees that their views are presented to NAM, and that NAM's views are disseminated throughout the NIC, of which he is executive director. The NIC maintains offices in New York and Washington, D.C., to assemble information of importance to industry and industrial associations.

Resident for the past 37 years of Rockville Centre, Long Island, Brennan takes an active interest in civic affairs. He is a member of



Thomas M. Brennan, Pennsylvania Epsilon, '29, when on the campus at Lehigh, was scholar, athlete, and the president of his chapter.

the board of trustees of the Rockville Centre Library. He established at South Side High School, which he attended, the Laurel Award to give recognition to the graduating senior who demonstrated top extra-curricular as well as scholastic ability.

As evidence that he retains the interest in dramatics that made his president of the Mustard and Cheese Club at Lehigh, it may be revealed that in pre-war days Brennan appeared in films taken by a Rockville Centre amateur movie club.

Brennan was head of the Lehigh Sig Ep house and in 1928 was a delegate to the Conclave in Seattle.

After receiving a B.S. in business administration at Lehigh, where he made Phi Beta Kappa, he attended Fordham University in New York City, being granted his bachelor of law degree there in 1933. He has also done graduate study at New York University.

In 1937 he married Deborah S. Pearson of Wyncote, Pa. They have three children, Larry, age 7, Penny, 5, and Sandra, 4.

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★ ★ There is one thing stronger than all the armies of the world, and that is an idea whose time has come.—VOLTAIRE



D. C. Alpha gathering at the house . . . in usual order, Floyd Collins, Dean Bassett, Tom Hines, Bob Thompson, and Chuck Townsend.

## Some Ideas for Future Progress

By THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

THESE paragraphs are contributed by Grand President Robert L. Ryan, Grand Treasurer Edwin Buchanan, Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr., and Senior Grand Marshal William C. Smolenske. They deal with both the tangible and the intangible considerations entailed in building a more useful fraternity.

### ★ RYAN ★

#### *What Desire You of the Brotherhood?*

Each member of Sigma Phi Epsilon has answered this question. At first he was instructed, and, since then, a number of times during his membership as an active and subsequently an alumnus.

It would be well if all of us were to ask ourselves this question more often during our fraternity life, and we should also use the media available through our active chapter or alumni chapter to see that these desires are known and freely expressed. Some have in the past used the pages of our JOURNAL to express these thoughts but many have not taken time to see that others have the opportunity to determine the merits

of these ideas. Ideas, no matter how meritorious, are not placed in effect until the governing group is apprised of the will of the membership.

The Conclave of our Fraternity offers an opportunity for such expression and it is anticipated that delegates, and others attending, will bring to this Conclave the collective thinking of our active and alumni chapters.

Some of these opinions have been made known to the members of the Executive Committee and perhaps suggest the following questions:

1. Do we desire a fraternity large in size so that our brotherhood can offer the opportunity of membership to a larger number of men attending colleges and universities?

2. Do we desire a brotherhood that shall have, in addition to its objects and ideals, the purpose to help or develop a service to underprivileged groups that constantly need help and direction?

3. Do we desire a brotherhood that shall establish or promote scholarship or fellowship funds to aid members who need financial assistance to complete their college education?

4. Do we desire that our Fraternity establish standards of conduct and procedure by which each active chapter shall be required to maintain, and that such standards be established, maintained, and administered by an administrative staff from our Central Office?

There are more similar questions that affect our Fraternity. The membership should be given an opportunity of knowing all suggestions and adopting them if acceptable.

### ★ BUCHANAN ★

Sigma Phi Epsilon looks forward to the new college year with high confidence. Our fraternity has never been stronger in the fundamental qualities that have always distinguished it, and should be able to record one of its greatest years of service.

It rests with the men in our chapters who carry the responsibility of leadership to plan for a strong group in harmony with the purposes and needs of the college. Faced

with a wealth of material from which to select, the rushing committee should make certain that an adequate number of veterans are chosen, but that the young freshmen, too, should not be overlooked. In order that the campus may share in fraternity benefits as extensively as possible, chapter enrollment should be larger than in the past, but care should be taken that the size be not unwieldy so that cliques will develop.

Since the college fraternity is a business organization, no better time than the present can be conceived for the application of sound financial practices and good housekeeping methods. If there has ever been any hesitation about prompt collection of accounts due, there should be none now. The chapter must prosper and be of good financial health, if it is to continue a factor of importance in its own community.

Many of our chapters have given proper attention to scholarship and all should do so now. Good fellowship is a prime requirement of a good chapter, but encouragement of habits of study is a vital way in which the chapter can help its members.

Comfortable housing brings opportunity for the boys to gather together and develop those qualities which enable them to live harmoniously with their fellows and fit themselves into society. Each chapter president should strive to make his chapter house a place where companionship and association on a high plane of understanding leads to the development of good citizens.

## ★ HINDEMANN ★

Now is the time to put our house in order. Economists refer to the steel industry as a feast or famine industry. Many of us who have spent time studying and working with fraternities consider that they can be classified in a like manner.

For the sake of clarification let's look back a few years to the 1920s. This was a period of rapid growth and prosperity for fraternities. A great many new groups were started, older groups expanded, new bigger and more imposing houses built, and large sums of money were spent in many cases rather foolishly. Then came the depression which



Missouri Alphas at March 28 dinner in Columbia, Mo. Seated are Art Nebel, faculty adviser; C. H. Elting; Herb Roush of the Kansas Alumni chapter; and Joe Ramsey of the St. Louis Alumni chapter. Standing are George Simmons, Kansas City alumni; Ted Bush, Field Secretary; and the Missouri Alpha officers Fred G. Veinfurt, president; Ray Gleason, Secretary; and Tom Birchfield, social chairman.

lasted for years and years. Everything contracted, mortgages were foreclosed, chapter houses lost, many chapters went out of existence, and new members became scarce.

Just as conditions were once again beginning to show real improvement War was declared and before very long the colleges and likewise the fraternities were drained of all available manpower. Through sheer strength of will and the firm resolution of their members to not let them perish, fraternities were able to pull through the war period.

Since V-J Day reactivation has been rapid and has in many cases exceeded our greatest expectations. Chapter membership rolls have expanded tremendously, mortgages have been reduced, old bills paid off, new furniture and fixtures purchased, even in some cases new chapter house quarters have been secured.

Chapters already have been able to repair most of the damages of the past, make additional improvements during the present, and have started to work out plans for the future.

Now and during the next few years each chapter should make sure that it not only gets its own affairs in order and keeps them so, but also it should make sure that it is in condition to meet any and all emergencies.

Let's be sure that we in Sigma Phi Epsilon gather in the harvest in these days



President Gordon Hillhouse, Oklahoma Beta (left), presents Quinton Peters, Oklahoma Beta's first president, with a gold gavel. Presentation was made at the Sunday banquet which ended District Convention.

of plenty so that when more difficult times return we will have ample reserves to meet all our obligations.

### ★ SMOLENSKE ★

The first thing in a chapter is to have MEN. We have heard a lot about men—especially during the war. A Fraternity is one activity in life that requires MEN. Real live men filled with red blood—men who are well formed—mentally—physically—morally. We must learn continuously. Don't just get through, be above the average. The Great Creator intended us to have a strong body, therefore, don't do anything in excess or anything that will injure that physical side of man. We have always called for men of high moral character. This moral life is precious—let's keep it.

We must have men of VISION (Imagination). Men who can see ahead. We need it now—we will need it tomorrow. Trying always to do a better service for our chapter will stimulate and enlarge this Vision.

We must have men of ENTHUSIASM. By this I mean wholehearted devotion to the cause of fraternalism. It is the thing or power that makes the world move. It will keep our chapter going. If we love our Fraternity, then we will be enthusiastic about it.

We must have men with FAITH. Faith is that which makes it possible for men to live together in organized society. We have

Faith in each other and out of that Faith comes a chapter. Faith is that which enables us to appreciate each other. A man must learn in his heart that to which he aspires before he can materialize his ideal. He must first be convinced in his innermost consciousness as to the desirability of that he would be, before it may be realized or achieved. Thus we are responsible to ourselves to have this Faith. To build a real chapter, we must have faith in ourselves and in each other, for this is the foundation of our Fraternity.

We must have men of KNOWLEDGE. Someone has said "To think is dangerous, but not to think is more so." "The most potent force in the world is an idea." "Knowledge is like a sharp knife—in the hands of a child it may lead to sorrow, in the skilled hands of a craftsman, it is a tool of creative values. Thus the same instrument may be destructive or constructive, dependent upon its use." We must not only get book knowledge, but in getting it, to strengthen our character and our usefulness in life. Fraternity men should be particularly mindful of this important fundamental. Without Knowledge (mind) there would be no civilization, no advance, no invention, no society, no fraternity, nothing as far as life is concerned.

We must have men of faith as the foundation and men of Knowledge as the structure of our chapters.

We must have men with PERSEVERANCE. That stick-to-it-ive-ness. That working constantly. The architect of the Episcopal Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio, prepared sixty sets of plans, all of which were rejected. He was about to give up, but his wife urged him to make another. He did and the sixty-first was accepted.

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**I**t's quite unusual for a newspaper artist to make news but that's what happened recently to Frank J. Marasco, Iowa Gamma. Marasco is staff artist for the *Milwaukee Sentinel*. His sketch of a man wanted for an attack on a 5-year-old girl was credited by police as contributing to the arrest of the fugitive. Marasco drew the sketch after interviewing witnesses who provided Marasco with the man's description.

# Jean Fisher Joins Our Field Force

**Former president and comptroller of his chapter, youngest of the Kansas Fishers, comes to Central Office to succeed Frank Ruck, Jr., resigned.**

JUST out of the University of Kansas, where he chalked up a most exemplary record, Jean T. Fisher becomes Field Secretary of his Fraternity with a basketful of qualifications that are almost too good to be true.

Taking the place of Frank Ruck, Jr., Michigan Alpha, who resigned after approximately a year on the job to pursue graduate study, Jean is also a midwesterner who has served his house as comptroller and has in every sense been a leader in his chapter and a top man on the campus.

Jean Fisher has also been president, rush captain, historian, and intramural manager of the Kansas Sig Eps and he is a member of the present alumni board. More than any other man of Kansas Gamma, he is responsible for the chapter's recently acquired house.

He has consistently been a B-plus student, has found time to serve as the University band manager and participate in the all-student council, the Newman Club, inner circle of Pachacamac, Pi Epsilon Pi, and the *Daily Kansan*.

He is a speaker of first-prize caliber, becoming state of Kansas champion in oratory during his very first year on the campus, again in 1943 winning the Senator Capper Award, and subsequently the title of Kansas University public speaking champion.

Jean's personality is forceful and agreeable. He is a good-looking fellow standing an inch above six feet and weighs 170 pounds.

His zeal for Sigma Phi Epsilon is a pro-



Jean T. Fisher, new field secretary from Kansas, comes to his job with an ideal background and all the best qualifications.

found and remarkable quality, for he is the youngest of four Sig Ep brothers, the others being Edward, David, '36, and Paul, '38. His father, Hugh T. Fisher, who died some years ago, was a Sig Ep, while his mother, Helen B. Fisher, is the present housemother of Kansas Gamma.

Jean's college work was halted by the war; he was separated from the service as a sergeant major in the Counter Intelligence Corps of the Parachute Troops. His first ambition, incidentally, was to be an FBI agent.

To many hundreds of Sig Eps around the country, the new Field Secretary, who takes his place beside Ray McCron, Pennsylvania Delta, and Ted Bush, Oregon Beta, needs no introduction. He not only knows most of the 300 alumni of his own chapter but never fails to look up brothers of other chapters when he is traveling here and there. He believes that the chief means of improving fraternities generally is for the individual chapters to accept the responsibility fully and seriously of imparting complete knowledge of chapter house working mechanics to every undergraduate brother.

His motto is to "Plan your work—then work your plan."

"Education is falling behind as civilization advances," he says. "It is failing in too many important tasks. Education has lost too many of its best men to the business world. Teachers as a group are inferior to the task." A piece of discerning judgment, probably, for a young fellow who was born in Topeka, Kan., on August 30, 1923.

Facetiously, Jean says that the biggest mistake he ever made was to ask Karl Krueger, famed director of the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra (honorary member of Kansas Gamma), whether symphonic music was harder to direct than swing. Jean's chief idol for a number of years has been Woody Herman, also an honorary member of Kansas Gamma.

Still a bachelor, Jean has no intentions of marrying for some time. For a year or two he will concentrate on his new job and go on to seek his fortune in the world of commerce.

Since the middle of June, he has been in Kansas City, lending much-needed assistance with plans for the Conclave.

According to the report of Grand Secretary Bill Hindman, that aid has been most effective.



Fisher, in the middle, congratulates President Don Johnson, one of Kansas Gamma's varsity football stars, about something, while Bill Burt, comptroller, watches the photographer.



Talking things over at Iowa are . . . Left to Right: President Duane Francies, Mother Shafer, Carroll Schneider, and Bob MacDonald.

## ★ HABITAT HEROINE ★

By ROD SAGE

MRS. NELLIE SHAFER, Iowa Gamma housemother, has been a vital factor in helping the house rebuild itself, after two years' wartime inactivity, to a high place among State University of Iowa Greeks.

Mrs. Shafer came to Iowa Gamma in September of 1945 and helped plan the formal opening of the house that fall. It became a well-organized, integrated brotherhood and an ideal university home.

Social life of the Sig Eps perked up considerably after Mrs. Shafer became the housemother. Parties since 1945 have had an added touch of cordiality extended by her. Mrs. Shafer is the official hostess of Iowa Gamma. Her duties include welcoming guests, presiding over the dining table and chaperoning all house parties. She also serves as chaperon for many University inter-fraternity dances.

Mrs. Shafer has been an invaluable confidant on matters of conduct, etiquette and good taste which the fraternity aims to help develop in its men.

She has served as housemother at the Pi Beta Phi sorority and the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at the University of Nebraska before coming to Iowa Gamma.

Mrs. Shafer is a woman of versatility. She was graduated from Christian College and attended National Parks College in Washington, D.C., for a year, then to finish her education made a year long trip around the world. Following her husband's death some years ago she attended a housemothers' training course at the University of California at Los Angeles.



Bow-tied Sig Ep sales team from the Carolinas . . . Jack DeWitt holds one of the Colson fans, while J. P. Gramling smiles approval.

## Pair of Jacks Or Better

**Jack C. DeWitt and John P. Gramling,  
two bow-tie addicts from the Carolinas,  
are outstanding executives in one of  
the Midwest's remarkable industries.**

**T**HIS is the story of two Carolina boys, both named John, the older from North Carolina and the younger from South Carolina, who traveled to the Middle West to make their fortune.

The older one, John (Jack) C. DeWitt, went to North Carolina State College at Raleigh, where he became a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The younger, John P.

Gramling, was initiated into the Fraternity at the University of North Carolina with the class of '31.

Their quest for fortune brought them to the U. O. Colson Company, of Paris, Ill., one of the world's largest manufacturers of calendars and fans for advertising. The former is today sales manager. During the last war year, 1945, he boosted sales to an all-time high in the history of the company. The latter is assistant sales manager and editor of the house magazine, the *Calafan*.

Not long ago Frederick C. Othman, the Scripps-Howard columnist, impressed by something he read in *Calafan* about Colson, wrote a column about it, which appeared in 566 newspapers, calling the organization an apparent paradise for workers. About the same time, Kate Smith, the hefty radio thrush, left her moonbeams beside the mountain long enough to tell this organization's "tale of labor management relations where there is no mention of strikes, or union demands or management stubbornness, no talk of portal to portal or shorter work weeks

or any of the other of the thousand and one disputes we read about in our newspapers every day in the week." Said Miss Smith: "The U. O. Colson Company of Paris, Ill., makes news with just the reverse. The Colson Company's 400 employees whistle while they work. They aren't mad at anybody. They like their jobs and they like their bosses and they wouldn't dream of demanding further consideration from their management."

Miss Smith went on to mention that every worker who has a new baby must accept a Government Savings Bond for the new arrival. Any worker who thinks of a good idea to improve company business and the company uses his idea must accept a free automobile for his own.

At the company's free parking lot windshields are washed daily in the summer and ice is removed daily in the winter. At the plant workers are urged to use recreation rooms which are equipped with piano, candy, books and easy chairs.

If an employee wants to build a new house the company advances half the down payment. If he needs a refrigerator, furnace, or sofa, the boss lends the price without interest. Wedding presents, insurance and a share of the company's profits each year.

Miss Smith concludes: "The Colson Company of Paris, Ill., employing 400 people could teach American industry a few things. And maybe if the story gets around, it will."

Frederick C. Othman, the syndicated columnist, was equally impressed. He wrote:

"Nobody has to go to the company's parties, but it insists on tossing them regularly. It also insists on paying half the workers' insurance premiums and slipping them a share of the profits annually.

"They can't help whistling; soft music of their selection is piped throughout the plant. You think I've dreamed this?"

Wrote Harry F. Byrd, Virginia Alpha, United States Senator, Virginia—"I congratulate you on the fine relationship existing between the management and employees of your company."

If the Colson organization and not De Witt and Gramling, sounds like the hero of this story, so much the better with the



"Human interest subjects always create attention," says Colson's copywriter of this best-selling calendar illustration, a winner for some years.

boys since they know they're paid to promote their organization and by doing that boost themselves.

It's funny the way J. P. started in the advertising business. The son of a South Carolina farmer, his dad was determined to have him follow in his foot-steps. Deciding the best way to train his son would be to load him up with work, at the age of six he had J. P. milking ten cows twice a day, feeding and caring for several thousand chickens and bringing in wood in addition to the thousand and one other chores usually assigned farm boys. In J. P.'s own words, "My dad overloaded me so much that by the time I reached high school I was determined not to be a farmer. I was almost through my freshman year in college journalism before Mom and Pop learned their oldest child would be in the advertising business instead of an agriculturist."

Leaving the University of South Carolina School of Journalism, J. P. worked his way through all departments of one of the South's greatest weekly newspapers to gain the background and the mechanical aspects

of advertising and salesmanship.

He later established a newspaper of his own, the *Observer*, in his home town—Orangeburg, South Carolina, and successfully operated it for several years before selling out to enter another field of advertising and public relations. His first experience in the Calendar and Fan business came in 1937.

J. P. was scheduled to become associated with the home offices of the Colson Company in 1943 but Uncle Sam had other plans—gave him a USNR serial number and assigned him to public relations work in Naval Aviation. He edited a Navy publication at the Sanford, Florida, Naval Air Station for approximately two years. Upon his discharge in November 1945 he came to Paris as assistant to Jack C. DeWitt, sales manager. His work includes editing the *Calafan*, the *Colsoflash*, and sales promotion. Jack and J. P. were reared about 30 miles apart down in central South Carolina; they have been close friends for about 20 years.

J. P. is married to the former Margaret Heinlitz, of Columbia, S.C., and they have two children, Sallie, age 5, and Hannah, 14 months old. J. P. is a member of the Methodist Church; Sigma Delta Chi, journalistic fraternity; the Paris Kiwanis Club; Paris Masonic Lodge No. 268; Paris Lodge No. 812 B. P. O. Elks, and the local Chamber of Commerce. He was born in Orangeburg, S.C., in 1911 and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gramling, operate a large dairy, poultry and grain farm there.

Now for the story of Jack C. DeWitt, Manager of Sales of the U. O. Colson Company.

Jack was born in the South Carolina village of Blackville just 36 years ago—the son of a general merchandise store owner. His first job was packaging sugar, flour, rice, etc. in small paper sacks for the week-end rush. Because it was his dad's store he wasn't on a salary and after a few months he turned to more lucrative employment. His first dollar came from cutting broom straw and peddling it to housewives in the neighborhood. He attended North Carolina State College at Raleigh, where he continued the auto accessory business in his spare time. Leav-

ing college he became a manufacturers' representative for a number of nationally known automotive products in the southeastern section. In October, 1934, he was married to his childhood sweetheart, Nell Graham.

Jack discovered, when he decided to change his line, that his automotive experience didn't mean a thing in making calendar sales but that his knack of making friends with people would eventually enable him to build up an excellent calendar business in his section. Year after year his sales volume continued to soar, and at the end of his fourth season he set an all-time record in sales. Early in 1943 the position of sales manager of the U. O. Colson Company was open. The directors, after careful consideration, interviewed Jack C. DeWitt and, following a series of conferences, the U. O. Colson Company made the 33-year-old South Carolina boy new sales chief.

In the last war year—1945—sales reached an all-time high. The groundwork and preliminary planning by DeWitt through the war-torn years really paid dividends in 1946—the first year of peace—even though economic conditions generally were far from normal.

The DeWitt's have two children—Bunky, age 8, and Jack, Jr., age 4. Jack is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the local Kiwanis Club, Paris Masonic Lodge No. 268, Paris Lodge No. 812 B. P. O. Elks, and an active member of the local Chamber of Commerce.

### Other District News

Dr. Emmett B. Carmichael, Colorado Alpha, '18, who has served as governor of District VI (Georgia Alpha, Florida Alpha, Alabama Alpha) since 1942, has resigned in June, owing to increased business responsibilities.

Junior Grand Marshal Luis J. Roberts has resigned from the office of Governor of District IX, and has been succeeded by Lewis A. Mason, New York Alpha, '36, as governor. Brother Mason who served as Field Secretary from 1936 to 1939, is with the Sherwin-Williams Company, 101 Prospect Avenue, N.W., Cleveland, Ohio. He is a former governor of this district.



Warren Beck . . . A Lawrence professor is Sig Ep's leading producer of publishable prose.

## Sig Ep's Hardest Working Author

**Prof. Warren Beck's new novel, *Pause Under the Sky*, is another fruit of this writer's method of producing prose by the very seat of the pants.**

WITH some men, writing books comes very easily, and pays most handsomely. With others, the hours are spent profligately, the readers are few, and the dollars by way of pay even fewer.

Harry Butcher, Iowa Beta, '24, dashed off *My Three Years With Eisenhower*, for which *The Saturday Evening Post*, alone, is reputed to have paid him \$175,000, in the manner of a casual hobby. Dr. Edward A. Strecker, Pennsylvania Beta, '11, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Pennsylvania, consultant to the

Surgeons General of the Army and Navy and advisor to the Secretary of War during the recent strife, managed to write such a popular seller as *What's Wrong With American Mothers?*<sup>2</sup> and perform other time-consuming tasks while doing it.

But it has not been that easy for Professor Warren Beck, Wisconsin Alpha, who is persistently carving his niche as a respected novelist of full stature. His second novel, *Pause Under the Sky*, published in May by William Morrow Company, New York, \$3, gives the record of the Lawrence College professor of English a substantial boost.

Standing somewhat low in the profession of novelist, Sigma Phi Epsilon is clearly grateful for Warren Beck.

While the name of Leonard H. Nason, Vermont Alpha, '22, once ranked well on the popular seller lists of fiction (after World War I), it has been absent from the book pages of late, as has the name of Martin Joseph Freeman, Ohio Alpha, another novelist of some accomplishment.

Today, Beck of Wisconsin Alpha, creative writing mentor at Lawrence College, appears to be the Fraternity's outstanding producer of publishable fiction. His method is to sit at his desk so many hours daily, whether inspiration comes or not, and stay at it.

The new Beck opus is a readable mixture of man thinking and man adventuring with his one eternal female in accompaniment, half by his side and half at his heels.

A soldier on leave just before shipping overseas goes to see his fiancée. Shall they marry or await the end of the war?

Woven into this story is comment on our society. Soldier and girl are caught up in an effort of a self-appointed messiah to break the influence of radio in our lives. Dramatically and forcefully the reader is led to new and important insights into the problem of individual adjustment to the changing patterns of American and world culture.

This is a suitable novel for chapter house libraries, as the writing is on a plane collegians should like, and it contains many sociological lessons, many truths which are often epigrammatically stated. The villain of the piece, as has been intimated, is radio.

Larry and Paula, mated, are not directors

of their own fate, custodians of their own soul, by a long shot. At least the author would have one believe that the Villain Radio and its allied toxins seeping through the American scene have infected them with a special anemia, and that red blood is lost to the veins of their young bodies forever.

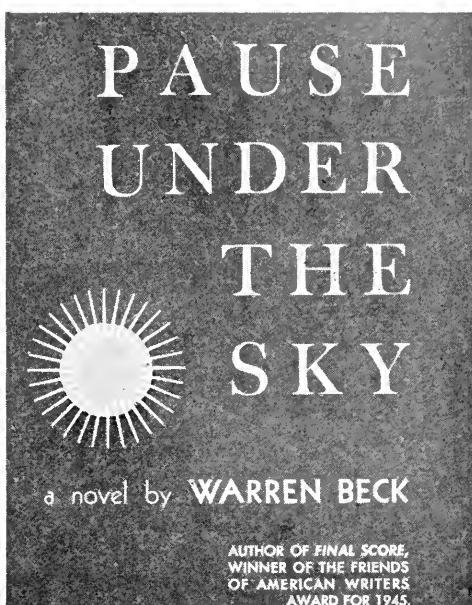
The reader who regards this thesis as valid will embrace the story with enthusiasm; though for every one such reader there will likely be three or four or perhaps as many as seven who will recognize such a notion as plain, unvarnished scuttlebut, perceiving, possibly, that the real villain is the author's own excessive intellectuality, the white heat of which has dried up the red blood of the heart. Certainly none of the characters may be said to possess any of the latter. At least, it is not too much to expect ample extrovert robustness in a hero who is a young bombardier spending a three-day leave with his girl in the period just before D-Day. His amour adds up to a doubtful equation.

Despite all this, however, the pause under the sky is big, ingenious, and dramatic. Its invention does full credit to an author who worked long and hard at perfection of a dramatic writing form (the one-act play) before he essayed fiction. Hence the stark idea which gives Beck's story energy and plot may be something Hollywood would readily appreciate having for a motion picture.

The defeatist note of the novel may seem plausible and warranted to those who travel in the lopsided perspective of the campus; but those who know that Nature's process of creation still delivers its specimens of *Homio sapiens* with the same red blood as of yore will gag at the notion that radio can be more than a piddling annoyance. It should be of no more account than the four-foot hedge which Nature's normal young man (perhaps of less than heroic quality) must leap before he can join hands with his sweetheart on the slope of some clovered hill at dawn.

None of which, of course, takes away any of the author's skill as a superb craftsman.

Warren Beck's recent *Final Score* received some of the highest acclaim ever accorded a



"Beck's lovers are sympathetic characters."

first novel. In England, where it was published by Eyre and Spottiswoode, the novel within three weeks took its position on the list of the six books, fiction and non-fiction, most in demand.

Besides the two novels, Warren Beck has written two dozen short stories which have appeared in significant literary magazines. Four have been reprinted in the annual *Best Stories* volumes of O'Brien and Foley. The first dozen were published in a volume entitled *The Blue Sash and Other Stories* by the Antioch Press. The same press is this season publishing the second dozen in a volume entitled *The First Fish*.

A native of Richmond, Ind., educated at Earlham College and Columbia University, Beck lives in Appleton, Wis., with his wife and son Jamie, to whom *Pause Under the Sky* is dedicated, the same precocious youngster who caught *The First Fish*. In 1945, on leave from Lawrence, Beck taught in the U. S. Army University at Shrivenham, England.

The Friends of American Writers awarded him their annual prize in 1945.

This summer he taught creative writing in the celebrated Breadloaf seminar in Vermont.



**COINCIDENCE . . .** Capt. Harry A. Morris and the picture of the Chartres Cathedral which hung in his law office before the war. It figured in one of his close brushes with the Germans in France.

## A WAR HERO THE HARD WAY

**Capt. Harry Morris, ferreting out intelligence ahead of Patton's army driving across France, brushed with Nazi snipers, the Gestapo, and death.**

**W**HEN he volunteered for service back in November, 1942, Capt. Harry A. Morris, Missouri Alpha, '35, now back in the practice of law in his chosen community of Kansas City, did not believe his Army career would be other than routine. He had been practicing law since his graduation from the University of Missouri. There he had first studied accounting and statistics; then, on a scholarship, had remained three more years in law. He knew French, Italian and Greek, and wore a Phi Beta Kappa key. With that background, the army put him in the infantry and sent him to Camp Wolters, Tex.

Nine weeks of heavy training sent the 32-year-old Morris to the hospital; a 70-pound pack was too much for a slight man to carry, especially after seven years in a law

office. After that, he advanced to sergeant and was sent to officer candidate school at Ft. Benning, Ga., still in the infantry. But his pre-war record followed him and at last he was assigned to combat intelligence and sent to Camp Roberts, Calif.

After four months he was sent to the military intelligence school at Camp Ritchie, Md., which he describes as a marvelous school, patterned after the British plan. He finished first in his class there, and with a few other ranking students was sent to England in February, 1944, for advanced training.

With that background Morris, then a lieutenant, went into the Cherbourg peninsula as head of the intelligence unit of the 20th Army Corps, attached to General Patton's Third Army. From a hilltop he watched the tremendous aerial bombardment July 25, 1944, which preceded the Normandy breakthrough.

"It was like something out of Dante's Inferno," Morris said. "German dead covered the highways, and the roadside ditches ran with blood. We had to scrape bodies off the roads with bulldozers. Only a mile away American bombs, which fell short of the German lines, killed Lieut. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commander of the army ground forces."

As Patton's army broke clear of the peninsula and began its race across France, Morris was sent ahead to get in touch with the French resistance forces, the Maquis. Repeatedly he went over the front lines in an L-4 "grasshopper" plane. Patton was driving toward Chartres, to thrust a wedge between the German Seventh Army, on his left, and the German Sixteenth on his right. Morris was dispatched ahead, with four tanks and four armored cars, to seize a bridge over the Loire near Angers. A tank and an armored car were knocked out. As the others approached the bridge, a German soldier touched off a demolition charge with a cigarette lighter. The German went down in a storm of bullets, but the bridge was gone. Morris picked up the cigarette lighter, and carries it today.

Turning down the river bank, Morris's party was able to seize a railroad bridge a

mile away. Advance units pouted over and hurried into Angers. Their arrival was so unexpected that the area commander, a German naval officer, and his staff were about to sit down to dinner. They retreated to the upper stories of the Duc d'Anjou Hotel, which they were using as headquarters, and surrendered after an exchange of shots.

Then there was a rush of Americans, "everything from colonels to pfc's" Morris remarks, for the fifty places at the dinner table. Rank was forgotten as the lucky fifty out of the hundred in the scramble, after weeks on C rations, dined on steak washed down with the best wine. Meanwhile, the French outside were singing, shouting, kissing every American.

The next mission was to reach Chartres and ask the Maquis to cut off the Fifteenth German Army, south of the Loire.

The Maquis did that, with great success. As Morris rolled along in his jeep—it was to carry him 17,000 miles before he left Europe—he came upon a Maqui captain named Werbel, a professor of mathematics at the Sorbonne in Paris. The captain told him the next two towns ahead were clear of Germans. With the captain in the jeep beside him, he set out to see for himself.

Using side roads, they passed through village after village, and soon the jeep was piled high with flowers. They approached Nogent-le-retrou, a town of 1,500, and waved to a lieutenant in an American tank on the outskirts. The lieutenant, in reply, motioned them away emphatically. But they hurried on, through a lane cleared by the Maquis in a mine field the Germans had laid on the highway.

The professor wanted to go right on. Morris saw a statue that appealed to him and stopped to photograph it. That saved their lives.

"The commandant wants to see you," a citizen shouted.

Morris followed to the Maqui commandant's office.

"There are eighty Germans here," said the officer, jabbing at a point on the map which Morris and the professor would have passed as they left town. "There are four tanks here, and four 88s there. If you will bring



KANSAN IN WEIMAR . . . This Jeep carried Captain Morris, Missouri Alpha '35, 17,000 bumpy miles in Europe. The picture was taken at Weimar.

up your infantry, we will lead them around behind the Germans for an attack from the rear."

"I haven't any infantry," confessed Morris.

He returned to the street and quickly was surrounded by a crowd hailing him as liberator. Suddenly something knocked off his helmet. Then he heard bullets thudding and dived for safety under his jeep. Fortunately the American lieutenant at the edge of town heard the shooting and rumbled up in his tank to break up the German sally.

Moving on toward Chartres, Morris's first assignment was to reach Gestapo headquarters and seize the papers. With an armored platoon, he slept in a cemetery on the city's edge, then slipped in with a sergeant to the Gestapo building. They found the first floor empty, but heard typewriters upstairs. A few shots through the ceiling sent the Germans—there were about five—fleeing over an adjoining roof.

Morris found the records he wanted, which were lists of Gestapo agents in all the surrounding area. On the wall was a map showing the location of Gestapo offices. Morris went to the kitchen to get a knife to cut it down, and found a Gestapo agent aiming at him through the window. He dived under the sink, pulling out his pistol as he went.

There was a brisk exchange of shots. Once

the German hit the plumbing, and water poured down on Morris. Just in time, members of the French Forces of the Interior, who had heard the shooting, arrived and drove off the Nazi.

In his former Kansas City office in the Waltower building had hung a water color picture of the Chartres Cathedral. Morris went out to take a look at the original. In a little shop across the street, he saw a picture identical with the one in his office. He just had stepped in to inquire about it when he heard shots, and bullets began to shatter the windows behind him. With the shopkeeper, he dived under the counter.

The bullets, he discovered, were coming from a cathedral tower. An American tank rumbled up and shot off a balcony high up on the tower, bringing down two Germans. The firing ceased. With a sergeant carrying a machine gun, Morris dashed across the street and flung open the door. Facing them, without a trace of concern, was an American army chaplain, a colonel. He had been inside while the fight went on. After a search revealed no Germans remaining, the chaplain told Morris the history of the cathedral and its famous windows, to the accompaniment of continued shooting in the street outside.

Patton's troops swung east from Chartres and seized a bridge over the Seine at Fontainebleau in a surprise thrust, breaking through the river line at which the Germans had hoped to make a stand. Morris and a companion arrived with the spearhead.

His next assignment, at Reims, brought Morris into the greatest victory celebration of them all. Beyond Paris, the Chateau Thierry area and the Ardennes forest, fought over for years in the first World War, were cleared in a day.

In Reims, Morris was to see the chief of police, make certain arrests and seize papers. He asked direction from two Maquis and was escorted to a tavern. After a few drinks, the Frenchmen said, "We will bring the chief here." The room was crowded when the chief arrived and he announced that he wanted help in capturing a thousand Germans. Morris didn't feel equal to a thousand. When the chief finally decided there were only ten, Morris agreed to help.

About ten Maquis climbed on the jeep, set a machine gun on the hood, and off they went, waving and shouting. They drew up in front of a house indicated by the chief.

Inside was only silence. A long search finally revealed two frightened Germans—or rather Russians serving in the German army—cowering in a closet. They were jerked out and Morris was escorted to the now-crowded street with much shouting and gesturing, the burden of which was that he had captured a large part of the German



Stopping to take this picture probably saved Captain Morris's life. Frenchmen warned him that Germans were just beyond the town; statue honors local hero.

army single-handed. That called for a victory dinner and drinks.

With his work at Reims done, Morris was dispatched with four light tanks to Verdun, to attempt to seize intact a bridge over the Meuse. Kenneth Middleton, an Associated Press correspondent, rode in the lead tank with him. Approaching behind a row of houses, they saw two heavy German tanks at the far end of the bridge. It would be suicidal to move their light tanks into the open, so they crawled through the nearest house and opened fire with small weapons.

The tanks were firing, they discovered, not at them, but at the piers of the bridge. Then they saw two Frenchmen clinging to the piers, cutting wires attached to German demolition charges. Bullets were hitting all around them. Tracers ignited their clothing. Finally they were hit, and shots poured into them until one fell into the river while the other hung limp on the pier. But they had done their job. The bridge was saved. Heavy armor came up and drove off the German tanks.

Morris received the French Medal of Victory for his part in that accomplishment.

Now Patton was ready to roll for the Rhine, 170 miles away; but he was out of gasoline. Fuel had been siphoned from other units to send one squadron to Verdun. Enough gasoline was flown to Reims to move up the 90th division so it could hold that vital bridge. But the main force of the army was immobilized.

Patton fumed and swore. Reports from prisoners and other sources had made it plain that the Siegfried Line was lightly held. If he could plunge through it without pause, the Germans probably could not make a stand short of the Rhine. But while he waited for gasoline, the defenses were manned.

So the Germans were ready in what Morris calls "the fantastic fortified region around Metz." That region holds special interests for Morris. As an intelligence officer, he sought out a Frenchman who had the plans of the fortifications, and helped to dig them up from their hiding place in a farmyard. His work there brought him a Bronze Star. After the fighting ended, he returned to write the official history of the battle of

Metz, a 75,000-word book that will be published by the War Department.

That battle is a story in itself. Metz was taken by assault for the first time since Attila the Hun battled into it in 451.

At the Saar, Morris was ordered to cross with a small party in rubber boats and blow up a control station which linked the vital strong point of Trier with the Rhine. The station was found and the men tossed in grenades which killed the two Germans there, then smashed the equipment and lines. Patton's fast-moving men took Trier the next day.

As the army moved across Germany, Morris often used a small plane to link the fluid front with rear areas. Once his plane made a forced landing after a Messerschmitt had riddled one wing. As a result of that and his other liaison flights Morris, still in the infantry, wears the Air Medal.

Germany became a repetition of France in the speed of the advance and the rush of the Nazis to surrender. Germans wishing to ingratiate themselves gave information that often was more accurate than that the F.F.I. had provided in France. Morris, as a special intelligence officer, often was ahead of the army. In Nürnberg he hastened to the I. G. Farben offices to seize records and threw open the door, to be confronted by a woman at the top of a stairway pointing a pistol at him. The woman fired as he fell flat. Then, while he groped for his own pistol, he heard another shot. The woman had killed herself.

At Jena, he interrogated the manager of the famous Carl Zeiss optical works. He was one of the first Americans to reach the Buchenwald concentration camp, near by, and to hear its story of calculated murder.

At Linz on the Enns River in Austria, he saw German troops pouring across the bridge in panic to surrender to the Americans before the Russians caught them.

Morris's hectic tour of Europe ended in grand style, with an interval at the Royal Bavarian Yacht Club on the Traum Sea where German generals were interned and their remarkably attentive orderlies served American officers as valets; a GI outing on the Riviera, and a pleasant stay in Paris.



The Rev. Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, Virginia Zeta, of San Antonio, a leading Methodist minister.

## Super Salesman for the Lord

By **RALPH STOODY**

**Personality, inborn selling ability, and impassioned sense of his mission have made Rev. Dr. Albert Shirkey of San Antonio a great Methodist preacher.**

DURING the years when other young fellows were in high school and college Abe Shirkey was earning a living for his mother as a salesman.

It wasn't often that a wholesale grocery concern discovered a lad of sixteen whose salesmanship and judgment were sufficiently developed to turn over to him one of their choicest territories. But that is exactly what happened. Nor was it a temporary or substitute arrangement. Abe carried his sample

cases and order blanks for five years and when he retired from his career as a salesman at the ripe old age of 21 to enter college, the senior owner of the Hagerstown, Md., grocery partnership practically wept on the shoulder of the junior partner. He was entirely right when he wailed, "We'll never get another worker on that territory like young Shirkey."

These grocers little realized that they were setting a lugubrious pattern for the future Rev. Dr. Albert Patterson Shirkey's leave-takings, but ever since, when Abe has made a change, it has set off just such a funereal outburst.

Good Methodists, unwilling to try to hold back their amazingly able young minister from advancement, have shaken their heads sadly when the bishop has appointed their favorite pastor to a new and more challenging field. Thousands of glum parishioners have said, "We'll never have another preacher like him."

Three factors were responsible for Abe Shirkey's success on the road. First, there was his personality—warm, friend-making, smiling. He is a complete extrovert. Then there was his inborn sales ability. He would have been the boy of his grammar school whom the kids would have delegated as their spokesman to the principal in behalf of longer and more frequent recesses. Abe's third secret is a sense of mission. In the old days of the crackers, canned tomatoes, and spices his powerful drive grew out of a sense of responsibility for the maintenance of his mother. Later, in his present career of sermons, and church administration, and pastoral services, his dynamic force is supplied by realization of a divine call. Just as love of mother and knowledge of her need was his motivation earlier, now it is his love of God and his sense of the deepest needs of humanity that impel him.

It was Randolph-Macon which Abe picked when it became possible for him to resume his education. When he came to the college town of Ashland, Va., he still had some deficiencies to make up before qualifying as a freshman. Here he became a member of Virginia Zeta of Sigma Phi Epsilon. In 1929 he was president of the chapter.

Beginning his sophomore year in college and continuing until he had finished Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Abe served as week-end pastor of part-time student appointments. During these days, he was gaining experience, both in pulpit and pastoral techniques.

Staying in Richmond after graduation, Abe preached four years in Pace Memorial Methodist Church across from Franklin Park, just a block from National Sigma Phi Epsilon's late national headquarters. During this time the Ministerium, which usually takes for its president a revered gray-beard, decided there was something to be gained in the fresh approach and enthusiasm of a novitiate clergyman. His aggressive zeal was also commandeered by the Washington Federation of Churches for the chairmanship of its department of Evangelism, which position he held for the three years he served in Washington. He was also the president of the Methodist Ministers of Washington.

That Sig Eps seem to snare such uniformly lovely wives will, of course, be conceded by all readers of the JOURNAL. In explanation of this phenomenon I have toyed with the idea that our cupid-designed, curvaceous fraternity pin has been a romantic accessory of mighty influence. At any rate Abe succeeded in getting his on the blouse of a lovely Virginian from the apple blossom country, Leona Lauck. They were married in 1929. Now they have three fine boys.

Nearly ten years ago the famous Travis Park Church of San Antonio came looking for a new pastor to Washington where Brother Shirkey was then preaching. Twice in recent years this congregation had been honored by having former pastors elected bishops. Altogether four bishops have served as pastors of this Church. They had a reputation to maintain. In their choice of Dr. Shirkey they were well advised, for this young man has given them leadership that has made this church with its over 5,000 members one of the foremost in the denomination.

We visited Travis Park one of the hottest Sunday mornings we have ever experienced only to find it packed tight.



The Rev. Dr. Al Shirkey as sportsman.

Any idea that promises bigger and better results Dr. Shirkey loses no time in incorporating into his program. Some of these are original, others he borrows. A visitor isn't around the place more than a few minutes before he senses that here is a church that is different. Dignified neon lights identify the edifice and welcome him. Friendly greeters hand him a fan that carries an announcement of a plan to air-condition the sanctuary in the near future. The service is being broadcast over a local station. The visitor reads in the attractively printed calendar of special ministries and services to meet whatever may be his mood or state in life: a lovely little private chapel where one may retire for prayer or meditation or to receive the Sacrament; a Thursday noonday service; friendliness dinners during Brotherhood Week, where each man must bring a Jewish or Roman Catholic friend; Scout activities for boys and girls, with a scout hut as hike objective, cub packs and Brownies for younger kids; a whole, huge bowling alley taken over one night a week for Travis Parkers; youth organizations; young adult groups; children's, youth and adult choirs; service opportunities in a mission and social center which the church operates in a delinquent area.

There is much more than meets the eye. A walk through the business offices suggests the state headquarters of an insurance company. There are cubicle offices not only for pastor and associate pastor, but for secretaries and directors of several kinds; membership; finance; evangelism; religious education; youth work; minister of music, organist; business manager; parish paper editor; church visitor. In the culinary department is a full time hostess, with cook, assistant cook and two maids on her staff while the buildings require the constant janitorial service of four men. Regularly the staff members lunch with the minister, followed by a meeting in which the week's strategy is mapped out.

Brother Shirkey's fidelity to what the gospel hymn calls "The King's Business" is shown by these figures. Before he came the church had paid \$60,000 in interest on a \$50,000 mortgage. This didn't make sense to Abe and as quickly as possible the \$48,000 debt he inherited was wiped out.

Since Abe came to San Antonio, his church budget has doubled—then doubled again, increasing from \$27,000 a year in 1938 to \$100,000 now. Similarly the staff has multiplied from six to 26—a highly complex organization.

Brother Shirkey's activities are not limited to San Antonio. His claim would be only to a modest share of responsibility for the success of his denominations' Crusade for Christ program which raised, above all other giving, \$27,500,000 for postwar relief and reconstruction, which resulted in 1,050,889 accessions to the churches in a 16-month period of special effort and which turned the tide from decreasing Sunday school figures to an advance of half a million. But in this connection three things must be said: First, Shirkey has been secretary of the Committee of Two Hundred, which guided the whole movement, second, his own church has done far more than its proportionate share in achieving these goals. Travis Park church placed second in number of new members received during the Year of Evangelism among all the 40,000 Methodist churches. A total of 1,025 were added. When it is remembered that it is

only an occasional Methodist church that has as many as a thousand members, the measure of this accomplishment can be appraised. His church, at the moment, is sixth in size in the denomination—but give Brother Abe a little time. The third part that this San Antonio pastor has had in his denomination's forward movement is a number of barnstorming tours in the interest of one board or another. Few visiting speakers have been as popular as he.

The management of all his complex forensic, managerial, and pastoral activity doesn't seem to wear on Dr. Shirkey. Despite the occasional temperamental disturbances of fellow-workers, lay and professional, which need pacific adjudication, and the tribulations of the thousands of people who seek him out for counsel or consolation, and the never-ending strain of preparation for something fresh and vital for his pulpit, Abe looks young for his 43 years and is always ready with his flashing smile and friendly word. Indefatigable as he is, he is sufficiently foresighted to make some recreational dates with himself and keep them. He loves to play golf, to hunt, to fish, to ride.

Speaking of riding, which he does very well, there was that moment a year ago when Abe and the Duke of Windsor saw the world from the same angle. Mounted on a friend's horse he had ridden for several years, the steed suddenly shied at a drying fish net which fluttered in the wind, and Brother Shirkey was on his back on the bridle path with two broken vertebrae. Just for a moment Abe's smile forsook him, it was all so sudden. But during his days in bed, and through the hot summer of convalescence that he had to spend very quietly in San Antonio, the smile was back again at its old job of selling friendliness and good will and faith to the many who came to see him. And when, in the Fall, completely recovered, he resumed his pulpit the enormous crowd that turned out was just another selling point for Abe in his campaign to improve and enlarge the church.

There are fourteen young men in high school and college and university at the present time studying for the ministry, and the mission field from this church.



Three Sig Eps on the staff of Montana State University journalism school confer about the newspaper of today and tomorrow. Bob Struckman (left) and Olaf Bue (right), both of Montana Alpha and both graduates of the MSU journalism school, are assistant and associate professors respectively. Jim Ford (center), Wisconsin Alpha, is serving his fifth year as dean.

## Sig Epic Achievement

### Montana Journalists

LYRICS of his fraternity song, "Dear old fraternity, all my life through I'll love and cherish fond memories of you," must have been ringing subconsciously in the mind of James L. C. Ford, Wisconsin Alpha, when he came to the University of Montana in 1942 as dean of the School of Journalism.

In the spring of 1943, shortly after naming Olaf Bue as associate professor on the journalism school staff, Ford and Bue were reminiscing in an off hour about the "fond memories" of college life. To their surprise, they learned that they were both Sig Eps, Bue having become a Sig Ep at Montana Alpha as an undergraduate.

Again, in 1946, much the same story was unfolded when Robert P. Struckman joined the journalism school staff as assistant professor. Struckman, too, had been a member at Montana Alpha.

The similarity in the collegiate background of the three staff members of the journalism school is, however, not duplicated in their professional backgrounds in the field of journalism. Dean Ford's active newspaper work includes

12 years in the New York office of the *Chicago Tribune* and with the United Press. He also worked on the staff of *Popular Science Monthly* and in the San Francisco bureau of the Associated Press. He has taught journalism at the University of Oregon, University of California, and the University of Wisconsin. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Delta Chi, and past chairman of the National Council on Education for Journalism.

Before joining the Montana journalism staff in 1943, Olaf Bue was a journalism instructor at Flathead County High School. His newspaper experience includes work on the Red Lodge, Mont., *Picket-Journal*, and seven years on the *Chicago Daily News* and the *Chicago Tribune*. In addition, he has taught at Ohio University and worked for the office of censorship during World War II. In the summer of 1945 he was one of seven journalism teachers in the United States to be picked by the National Association of Broadcasters for an internship in a major radio station.

Bob Struckman is a former associate editor of the *Montana Farmer* in Great Falls, Mont., and has done free lance writing for such magazines as *Esquire*, *Household Magazine*, and the *Northwest Review of Literature*. He once

taught journalism in the high schools at White Sulphur Springs and Great Falls, Mont.

### **Dr. Ben Hibbs**

When the Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding on May 26, eight of the nation's foremost editors and publishers were singled out to receive honorary degrees at a special convocation. Of these one was Ben Hibbs, Kansas Gamma, '23, editor of *The Saturday Evening Post*. The degree and citation follows: "Doctor of Literature—Ben Hibbs: Editor of the *Saturday Evening Post*; distinguished author and journalist who has contributed much to the several newspapers and magazines he has edited; member of the wartime Board of Outstanding Editors, chosen by General Dwight Eisenhower to inspect enemy concentration camps and report his findings to the nation. His life has been devoted to service in the field of American journalism and the development of high publication standards."

Meanwhile in its May 26 issue *Time* magazine lavished more than three columns upon "The Shiny New Post" and its "Postmaster," Ben Hibbs, telling how "Five years ago, when the *Post* was in a slump, Hibbs was placed in the editorial chair and given plenty of elbow room."

Hibbs, who today makes \$74,519 a year as editor, "found the magazine freighted with 8,500-word short stories, long bootstrap opuses on Men Who Made the Grade, a rather-be-right GOPolicy that wasn't confined to the editorial page, an audience that had grown old with Lorimer. Two weeks before Hibbs took over, the price went up to a dime. Hibbs and his 29-year-old managing editor, Robert Fuoss, set out to capture a younger audience with women in some of the seats.

"Hibbs ruthlessly trimmed his text, liberally boosted his prices (up to \$600 for pieces by beginners and to \$1,500 for old hands). He pays \$2,500 for a Norman Rockwell cover, laid out \$60,000 for Admiral Halsey's forthcoming memoirs. He banished prettified dog portraits and elaborately styled gag covers, made the word *Post* stand out on the cover, and the words *Saturday Evening* seem almost whispered. The success stories changed: 'Today,' Hibbs says, 'we'd rather talk about the second mate on a freight boat than the captain of the *America*'"

"The readers get what they want, when it is what Hibbs (who considers himself an average reader) wants too."

### **Humor as an Exception**

U. S. Senator Alexander Wiley, Wisconsin Alpha, is the author of an article in a recent New York Sunday *Times Magazine* titled, "Con-

gress Has Its Fun." Known in Congress for his congeniality and good humor, he cherishes the idea of brightening the format of the *Congressional Record* and having it sold to the public on newsstands.

"The humor of Congress" says the Sig Ep Senator from Wisconsin, "is as broad and diverse as the background of Congressmen themselves—rural and urban, corny and punny, prepared and extemporaneous.

"It should not, of course, be assumed that the sessions of Congress involve long series of wisecracks and jokes. On the contrary, humor is necessarily the exception rather than the rule in Senate and House proceedings. . . .

"You never can predict the anecdotes that may be recalled during the most strenuous debate or their effects upon the legislators' thinking and voting. Here is one told recently in the Eightieth Congress by Senator Bourke Hickenlooper of Iowa, Chairman of the Senate Atomic Investigating Committee [Iowa Beta, '18]:

"I am reminded of the old story of the Britisher who came to this country and was conducted on a tour of inspection of Boston and vicinity. The old fellow who was guiding him around Boston took him to Bunker Hill, where the famous battle occurred. When the Britisher got there he adjusted his glasses and looked over the battlefield and said to the guide, 'Is not this the place where we British gave you Yankees such a drubbing in '76?' The old fellow who was guiding him said, 'I am not too familiar with the details of history, but who owns the ground now?'"

### **Rising Singer**

Music to many Sig Eps is a business. But to baritone J. William McNulty, Wisconsin Gamma, '47, it's a religion.

It's a religion because Bill wants it so. He has turned down a career on the concert stage and radio to be closer to his church where he believes he can better serve his fellow men.



Baritone McNulty, Wisconsin Gamma, and Mrs.

McNulty, who will be 28 August 25, is married and lives in Los Angeles where he is in charge of the Ministry of Christian Education at the Westwood Hills Congregational Church.

A native of Waukesha, Wis., where he attended Carroll College, Bill went west in an effort to do his part in the recent war after being rejected for military service because of a heart murmur. He took a job with Douglas aircraft and one of the first things he did was organize an a cappella choir which sang for army camps, veterans hospitals and the USO. As a result, Bill was awarded a citation by the War Music Council.

The war interrupted McNulty's formal college education, but he was determined to get his B.A. in Music so he returned to Carroll in the Fall of 1946 and received his degree this last Spring.

While directing the a cappella choir at Douglas Aircraft Bill was heard by the Rev. S. Mark Hague, pastor of the Westwood Hills Congregational Church, who later asked McNulty to head the Ministry of Music at his church. This position led to the one which McNulty now holds.

Bill's career started early in life. He always was fond of music and while attending Waukesha High School mixed music with sports. He was outstanding in both, becoming president of the school's a cappella choir and winning berths on both the football and track teams.

During his freshman year at Carroll College, Baritone Bill sang the title role of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado." And for two seasons, Bill toured the state with the college male octette appropriately called the "Carrollers."

During his junior year 1940, McNulty transferred to Milwaukee State Teachers College where his voice was recognized immediately and he was given the baritone lead in Rossini's "Stabat Mater."

While in Milwaukee, McNulty studied voice at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music and won many awards. Among them were: the William Boeppelar Scholarship; the Society of Musical Arts Contest, and the Wisconsin Federation of Music Club's Starring Young Wisconsin Artists award.

Even during school vacation periods, Bill was active musically, singing with the San Carlo Opera company in many of the major cities of America, and with the Milwaukee Symphony orchestra under the direction of Jerzy Bojanowski. During the latter appearance McNulty appeared as soloist jointly with the noted Cellist Ennio Bolognini.

Now Bill is anxiously awaiting the resumption of his voice lessons from John Charles Thomas upon the latter's return from Australia, where he is on professional tour.

-JACK E. KRUEGER



Jean L. Schureman, Illinois Alpha, new vice-president of Marshall Field & Company.

### **Up from Stock Boy**

Jean L. Schureman in April, 1947, was elected a vice-president of Marshall Field & Company. He began with Field in 1918 as a stock boy.

Today, assistant general merchandise manager of the Chicago stores, he began his career with the company as a stock boy in the fur section in the summer of 1918 while still a student at the University of Illinois. He subsequently became a salesman in the China section, assistant manager of the glass section, section manager of the glass section, assistant divisional merchandise manager and divisional merchandise manager of the second and third floors.

In 1926 he made his first European buying tour for Marshall Field and Company and thereafter went abroad practically every year until 1939. His twelfth trip abroad, made in October, 1945, two months after V-J Day was one of the first postwar buying trips made by an American businessman.

He is a native of Oak Park, Ill., and received his secondary education there.

### **D. C. Success Story**

During the past 18 years, Horace B. McCoy, D.C. Alpha, '28, has been connected with the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce in varying capacities relating to the promotion of domestic and foreign commerce. From 1938 to 1941 he was Chief of the General Products Division, one of the industrial Divisions of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

During the period from 1942 to 1945 he was Chief of the Division of Industrial Economy under which was grouped all of the work pertaining to the survey and analysis of industrial activities carried on by the Department.

McCoy is a native of Indiana. He received his education at Purdue University and George Washington University, specializing in engineering, economics, and foreign trade. After his discharge from the Army in 1919 he taught school and was engaged for a time in the wholesale and retail milk business. He entered Government service with the Department of Commerce in 1920 with the Census Bureau in connection with the decennial census of agriculture and manufacturing. Except for a short period with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, he has spent all of his government career in the Department of Commerce.

When the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce was reorganized in January 1946 by the Secretary of Commerce, McCoy was appointed Deputy Director of the Office of Domestic Commerce and was made Director of this Office August 15. The general functions of the Office of Domestic Commerce are to foster and promote and develop the manufacturing, distribution, service and transportation industries by compiling, analyzing, interpreting and disseminating useful information in these fields for the use of business men. The Area Development Division is attached to the Office of Domestic Commerce. This Division is engaged in the assembly and organization of economic and statistical data for the use of state and local planning groups concerned with developing economic activities in their areas.

### **Top News Writer**

A citation for exceptional quality in radio newswriting was recently awarded to Jack E. Krueger, Wisconsin Beta, '37, radio news editor of WTMJ, *Milwaukee Journal* station, by Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity. The award was based on submission of scripts for two types of news broadcasts prepared by Krueger—"Background of the News," heard at 6:30 P.M. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and "Today's Events," heard daily at 10 P.M. Krueger has been a newswriter for the station since 1937.

### **A Founder in the News**

Rev. Dr. Thomas Vaden McCaul, Virginia Alpha, a Founder of the Fraternity, has long been regarded as one of the nation's leading Baptist ministers, particularly in the South.

Having recently celebrated his 25th year as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Gainesville, Fla., he also had much to do with the

establishment of the Sig Ep chapter at the University of Florida, the campus of which is at Gainesville, no more than a stone's-throw or two from the church.

Three colleges have asked him to become their president, and he is well known in southern religious circles for his articles in religious journals and is engaged in preparing a book for young preachers on ministerial etiquette.

Last May in St. Louise he was elected a vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

### **Career Diplomat**

New Ambassador to Uruguay is Ellis O. Briggs, New Hampshire Alpha, '21. Formerly director of the State Department's Office of American Republic Affairs, he is a veteran of 22 years in the foreign service, and one of the closest advisers to retiring Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden.

The new Ambassador, who is 48, has served as attaché at the American Embassies in Peru, Chile, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic.

### **Horan Keeps Swinging**

Congressman Walt Horan, Washington Alpha, '25, never forgets the important problems of the American family, a fact which recent dispatches in the daily press have played up considerably.

The Republican Congressman has four active young sons and a daughter. He says that the least government is the best government and that the Federal government has absolutely no business meddling with the American family.

Recently Horan decided that the radio was giving out with too many lurid crime thrillers for the good of children. He says it was getting so that all kids could listen to on the radio was people getting killed in various fancy ways. When parents and groups all over the country started complaining of the same thing, Horan decided some action was necessary. He calmly interrupted the business of the House one day by introducing a resolution aimed at putting a brake on such programs.

Merely introducing the resolution did the trick. In a few days he got assurances from the major networks and big stations that no more new crime programs would be added to their schedules and an attempt would be made to improve the ones already on the air.

Before that he initiated a sudden Congressional investigation into the cause of an epidemic of baby deaths in several District of Columbia hospitals which resulted in measures being taken quick enough to halt the epidemic. As Chairman of the District of Columbia Committee of the House he is now waging a fight to get teachers' salaries raised. And he launched a reform of the District Receiving Home for

Girls when he discovered orphans being quartered with hardened female criminals.

On the question of raising his own family, Rep. Horan says he and his wife have a happy combination of applying modern psychological ideas with the old theory of "spare the rod and spoil the child."

"When they need psychology we give them psychology," he says, "and when the situation calls for something a little more emphatic we administer that, too."

### **A Great Dean Retires**

Dean U. G. Dubach, of Oregon State, recently completed 34 years of service when he retired from his position as dean of men and professor of political science on July 1, under the terms of the new state retirement law.

In the fall, Dr. Dubach, a member of Oregon Alpha, and until his resignation, faculty adviser to the chapter, will assume the position of professor of political science at Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

Starting his college study at Kansas State Teachers' College, Dr. Dubach went on to receive his A.B. at Indiana University. From there he received a scholarship to Harvard, at which he received an M.A. degree and later did work at Wisconsin for his Ph.D. He came west from Wisconsin in 1913 to teach at Oregon State.

Always active in church work, he has taught the college class at the Corvallis Methodist Church for over 25 years. Through the dean's leadership on the church's building committee, the congregation now has one of the finest buildings in the Northwest. He is an active member of Masons and is now grand orator of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

During his 20-odd years as dean of men at Oregon State, he has helped hundreds of students. "The most satisfying and pleasant phase of being dean of men has come from the opportunity of helping students settle and find the processes to conquer their personal problems," Dr. Dubach declares.

In his new position at Lewis and Clark College, Dr. Dubach will teach a light schedule and spend the rest of his time in contact work with high schools, churches, service clubs, and other civic organizations. This year he has made 75 addresses on the campus.

### **Veteran Sports Director**

Successful as a coach of football, basketball, and baseball, Lowry McElvaine Stoops, West Virginia Beta, decided, back in 1926, to come to West Virginia University as assistant athletic director.

Stoops had enjoyed vastly successful seasons in all sports while coaching at Weirton and



Athletic director . . . Lowry M. Stoops, West Virginia Beta, onetime coach, is assistant athletic director at his alma mater.

New Cumberland High Schools and West Liberty State College. He has been a popular member of the official Mountaineer family ever since.

Stoops was born in Tustin, Calif., April 5, 1892, of Scotch-Irish parents who were reared in Butler County, Pa.

The family moved to West Liberty, W.Va., in 1900. Lowry starred in baseball at West Liberty State Normal School, as it was known then, and graduated with the class of 1909. He took a job as principal at Boggs Run grade school and North Benwood school and remained in that position until 1914, when he entered W.V.U.

Stoops played baseball throughout his college career. He graduated from the University in 1917, and on May 15 of that year volunteered for service with the Fifteenth Engineers, Pittsburgh district. Two months later he was with the first foreign armed regiment to land on the shores of England.

Lowry's outfit landed at LeHavre, France, on July 28, 1917. He attained the rank of color sergeant, Headquarters company, Fifteenth Engineers, and served as captain and manager of the AEF championship baseball team up to March 15, 1919, when he departed for home.

He was principal and coach at Weir High School in Weirton during 1919-20, and the baseball season of that year he spent as right fielder with the Follansbee Sheet and Tin Plate Company in Follansbee. In the fall of '20 he

became superintendent of schools and coach at New Cumberland High School and held that post until 1924. For the next two years he was athletic director and coach at West Liberty State.

Stoops spends quite a bit of his time in contact work and is intimately acquainted with thousands of graduates over the State. Next fall he is expected to assume even more duties in the athletic department as the Mountaineer program broadens under the new setup springing from creation of an Athletic Council. It is planned to place him in charge of arrangements for all sports events, both at home and away.

Stoops married Mary Lee Williamson on Christmas Eve in 1919. They have one son, 18 years old, who is now in Kyoto, Japan, and one daughter.

### **Engineering Educator**

The American Society for Engineering Education has conferred its coveted George Westinghouse Award for 1947 upon a brilliant young Carnegie Institute professor—Benjamin Richard Teare, Jr., Wisconsin Beta, '27.

The award was bestowed upon him at the June meeting of the society, "for his invaluable work in the development of courses in engineering analysis. . . ."

Dr. Teare was appointed to a full professorship at Carnegie Institute of Technology at the age of thirty-two. Five years later he became Buhl Professor and Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering. He has gained a national reputation for his pioneering work in the development and co-ordination of engineering courses.

In the field of engineering education, Dr. Teare has written important papers on engineering education.

Dr. Teare, who was born on January 12, 1907, in Menomonie, Wisconsin, received his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering (1927) and his Master's degree (1928) at the University of Wisconsin. In the fall of 1929, he joined the General Electric Company at Schenectady as a student in the Advanced Course in Engineering and continued for four years with the educational program while he obtained practical experience in many departments, including Testing, Research, Alternating Current Engineering, Central Station Engineering, and Engineering General. In 1931 he became supervisor of the electrical engineering section of the Advanced Courses in which he had started as a student two years before. At the end of two more years' work at Schenectady, Dr. Teare decided to enter the teaching field and accepted an instructorship in electrical engineering at Yale to work for his doctorate. He was promoted to assistant professor of electrical en-

gineering in 1934 and received his Doctor of Engineering degree in 1936.

The war years found Dr. Teare serving as an electrical engineer in the Naval Ordnance Laboratory and working on research problems for the National Defense Research Committee, the Office of Scientific Research and Development, the Army Air Forces, and the Office of Naval Research.

### **Passenger**

Robert E. Johnson, Massachusetts Beta, recently completed the following record flights as a technical crew member on Eastern Airlines New Type Constellation: May 17, Burbank, Calif. to Miami, Fla.; 6 hours 55 min.; May 17, Miami, Fla. to New York City, 3 hours 29 min.; May 28, New York to Miami, 3 hours 58 min.; May 28, Miami to New York, 3 hours 28 min.; June 6, New York to Houston, Tex., 4 hours 39 min.; June 6, Houston to New York, 4 hours 42 min. All with the same airplane and more important—the same four engines. Captain Rickenbacker aboard on all trips. All were official NAA timed records.

Johnson is constantly flying around the country. During the war he was a civilian Technician in Alaska 1942 and the Pacific 1944. He has over 12,000 flying hours to his credit which, as he says, is quite a bit when you're not a pilot but just a passenger.

### **Sig Epic Shorts**

Dr. Preston T. Brown, Colorado Alpha, '27, has been elected and installed president of the Arizona State Medical Association. Dr. Brown resides in Phoenix, Ariz. He was elected to this high office on May 7, 1947, at the end of the convention of the Medical Association of Arizona. He has achieved great distinction in the medical profession and is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Arizona.

—F. J. KNAUSS

Floyd B. Odlum, Colorado Alpha, is reported to have sold 275,000 shares of the 84 percent *Liberty* stock he holds.

Dr. Richard F. Miller, Oregon Alpha, '35, is now Assistant Professor of Humanities at the University of Florida.

As one Sig Ep left his post at Colorado State, Fort Collins, another Sig Ep assumed it. The job: alumni secretary of the College. The outgoing officer: Jack Clevenger, '36. His successor: Jasper J. French, '39.

As the 80th Congress drew to a close, President Truman nominated Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, New Hampshire Alpha, as Secretary of National Defense.



Illinois Alpha alumni get together at the Urbana Lincoln Hotel for bi-annual alumni reunion. Oscar Goebel, '26 (extreme right, foreground), was chairman of this year's gala affair. It's a hazy picture, but you can see it was enthusiastically attended.

## *With the Alumni*

### \* OUR LOYAL GROUPS ARE GROWING \*

ALUMNI are busy people who do not want to waste their time. If their interest in the Fraternity, and in attending meeting, is to be obtained and maintained it is necessary that they have something worth-while to do on all occasions.

—CHARLES E. ALLRED

#### **Dependable Detroiters**

Detroit alumni met for dinner at Huyler's L'Aiglon in the Fisher Building, Detroit, March 27. The meeting was under the auspices of all brothers claiming Michigan as alma mater. Officers elected: Vincent J. McAvoy, New York Gamma, '32, president; James C. B. Handley, Ohio Gamma, '34, vice-president; John F. Jordan, Michigan Alpha, '18L, secretary; George I. Sundstrum, New York Gamma, '36, treasurer. The meeting was largely concerned with business affairs and relationships between Michigan Alpha and Detroit Alumni of Michigan Alpha.

John R. Pear, Glenn D. Curtis, and E. Reed Hunt were elected to attend the Conclave as delegates from Detroit Alumni Chapter, with V. J. McAvoy, F. R. Price, and J. F. Jordan as alternate delegates.

Jim Handley and Bill Cowgill, of Ohio Gamma, issued a challenge to the alumni of Michigan Alpha to an "attendance duel" between Ohio and Michigan alumni, the losers to pay for the dinners, with computation to be made upon the total attendances of alumni members from the respective schools as compared with the totals listed on the secretary's roll from each school. This challenge was accepted by the alumni members of Michigan Alpha who were there. R. Neil Crane was

delegated to stimulate attendance by Michigan Alpha alumni for this event.

Detroit Alumni Chapter's University Club Dinner Party was held on May 9, at Detroit University Club, with a large attendance of alumni of the district, augmented by the attendance of 53 actives from University of Michigan.

William W. Hindman, Jr., Grand Secretary, parachuted in en route to the installation at Missouri School of Mines, and brought us up to date on things national. Bill gave us a preview of what may be expected at the big Conclave at Kansas City this coming September, as well as an inspiring account of the growth of chapters in the Fraternity, post-war. His accounting is evidence of the inspired work which is being carried on by our national officers and leaders. It made every man present feel mighty proud to be a member.

Charles E. Boyd, Wisconsin Beta, '14, assistant secretary of the Detroit Board of Commerce for the past 25 years, father of Richard G. Boyd, Michigan Alpha, '47, and pledge Thomas R. Boyd, Michigan Alpha, '49, spoke concerning labor-management relations.

Prominent alumni in attendance included: Hugh J. Cook, Ohio Gamma, '30; William D. Cowgill, Ohio Gamma, '33; Glenn H. B. Cummings, Michigan Alpha, '20; Glenn D. Curtis, Michigan Alpha, '25L; Charles S. Fisher, Ohio Gamma, '07; James C. B. Handley, Ohio Gamma, '34; E. Reed Hunt, Michigan Alpha, '21L; Donald T. Lester, Michigan Alpha, '20; Roy A. Lockeman, Michigan Alpha, '35; William R. Ludwig, Michigan Alpha, '46; James McGuire, Michigan Alpha, '45; Dr. Thomas H. Miller, Michigan Alpha, '22M; Marshal Olyphant, Ohio Gamma, '34E; Edward T. Pheney,

Michigan Alpha, '21; Arthur B. Poinier, Ohio Epsilon, '32; Fred A. Price, Kansas Alpha and Missouri Alpha, '15; J. Cliff Roberts, Ohio Gamma, '23; Harry S. Rudy, Ohio Epsilon, '29; Thurston O. Shreves, Ohio Epsilon, '22; Harvey A. Shuler, Ohio Gama, '11E; Lynn G. Stedman, Jr., Michigan Alpha, '47; Dr. George W. Christiansen, Michigan Alpha, '16D, Dr. James E. Croushore, Michigan Alpha, '22M; Dr. John R. Pear, Michigan Alpha, '17D; R. Neil Crane, Michigan Alpha, '24E, Vincent J. McAvoy, New York Gamma, '32; George I. Sundstrum, New York Gamma, '36; and John F. Jordan, Michigan Alpha, '18L.

—JOHN F. JORDAN

### **Cleveland Counts Up**

A major task confronting the Cleveland Alumni Chapter is to ascertain its total membership. Before the war there were 225 members on the Greater Cleveland mailing list. Of these 225, 49 have left Cleveland and six have died. Most of those that didn't move away from the city at least moved. The task is to locate the remainder of the estimated 300 Sig Eps in and around Cleveland; 184 are now listed, complete with business connection and phone numbers.

Periodic luncheons are held in downtown Cleveland. A skeleton group of ten or twelve men had kept the Association alive during the war with their monthly luncheons at the City Club as guests of Sid Masse. Today with a greater turnout, we meet the last Friday of every month at the Mid-Day Club, atop the Union Commerce Building, Ninth at Euclid.

Recent attendants at luncheons have been Parke Freark, Lew Mason, Dick Cook, Dr. Homer Alexander, Ed Blowers, Jack Gamble, Harry Kurtz, Bob Mizen, Dale Smith, Norm Gilsdorf, Bryce Wiggins, Charlie Stewart, Nels Carran, Ed Rotsinger, Hayden Parry, Omar McDowell, Bert Berndsen, Howard Berthold, Bob Ford, Harry Leibold, Harry Kanastab, Chal Lutz, Ed Peck, Dr. Charles Swan, Lynn Ickis, Al Hickman, Noel Woodall, Dick Stuedel, Doug Gould, Sid Masse, Merrill Kooker, Bill Croysdale, Walter McLain, Ted Newell, John Zak, Carl Snyder, Tom Allen, and Earl Traster.

Ed Rotsinger is planning a midnight boat ride on Lake Erie for the gang in August and Hayden Parry is working up a clambake at his place along the lake west of Cleveland in September. Harry Kurtz will organize a Founder's Day banquet for the fall.

Dr. Lewis C. Wright, president of Baldwin-Wallace College, who was initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon by the Cleveland Chapter several years ago, has resigned his prexyship.

The Cleveland delegation to Conclave is composed of Charlie Stewart, trustee of the Stu-

dent Loan & Fellowship Fund; Lew Mason, District Governor; and your reporter.

—EARL W. TRASTER

### **Un-Dormant Des Moines**

The long dormant alumni chapter of Des Moines, Iowa, has been dug up, given a shave and haircut through the hard work of M. W. Pechman, president, and Richard Hays, secretary and treasurer.

The March 14 gathering was attended by 20 alumni, that of April 11 by a nearly equal number.

The group expressed interest in a local fraternity at Drake University with the possibility of presenting their credentials with our recommendations for the establishment of an active chapter. This school is growing by leaps and bounds and in the last few years has increased its endowment funds very materially.

A number of the unmarried alumni and those who still wear the pants in their families, together with a few, like the writer, who have graduated from a marital status via the courts, are looking forward to attending the Conclave in Kansas City.

—C. W. SCHMIDT

### **On to Drake**

Extensive plans are being furthered for a prospective chapter on the rapidly expanding campus of Drake University in Des Moines. Chairman of this movement is Harold B. Eckey, Iowa Beta, '22.

Off to a slow start with about nine interested members the Des Moines Alumni Chapter now numbers 58.

Meetings are held monthly with a Friday night dinner presided over by President M. W. Pechman, Iowa Beta, '39, and Secretary Richard G. Hays, Colorado Beta. The roster shows members from 10 chapters including the three Iowa chapters, Missouri Alpha, Colorado Beta, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Illinois, Wisconsin and George Washington University.

At the June meeting, attended by District Governor E. E. Axthelm and members of Iowa Alpha, Beta and Gamma chapters, a late summer rush party was planned. Alumni chairman is George F. Rutledge, Missouri Alpha, '37. This party will entertain prospective pledges from the Des Moines area at the Fort Des Moines Hotel.

Further summer activities include a picnic for the alumni and their wives and all Sig Eps home for the summer.

—GEORGE F. RUTLEDGE

### **Expansion Intentions**

As soon as we get ourselves organized, we will attempt to see what we can do about putting in a chapter at Vanderbilt.

Middle Tennessee Alumni Chapter held the first meeting for some years, on April 10 at the James Robertson Hotel, Nashville. Unfortunately, the night selected was a night of great activity in Nashville and some of the brothers were unable to attend.

At the meeting held June 10 at Roy Striegel's house, the following list of officers were elected: Roy B. Striegel, president; Herc Alley, first vice-president; Fred Parker, second vice-president; Brooks Parker, secretary and treasurer; Calvin R. Davis, guard.

Annual dues were established at \$5. Please mail your checks as soon as possible. Make them out either to the Middle Tennessee Alumni Association, or to R. B. Parker. Send them to the writer at Apartment 312, James Robertson Hotel.

The meeting scheduled for August 5, at the home of Paul Brown, will be reported later.

Prospective participants in Middle Tennessee group activity: Dean E. C. Arnold, Kansas Alpha, '06; W. B. Shoulders, Tennessee Alpha; W. Jennings Qualls, Tennessee Alpha, '39; Hume Bracey, Tennessee Alpha; John M. Lovell, Tennessee Alpha, '35; Fred Brown; Roy B. Striegel, Tennessee Alpha, '23; C. R. Davis, Indiana Alpha, '45; Jack Myrick, Oklahoma Alpha, '43; Clifford Bethshears, Tennessee Alpha; R. Brooks Parker, Alabama Beta, '30; Frank Faulkner, Tennessee Alpha, '46; Donald Hartford; A. H. Roberts; C. C. Cloyd, Tennessee Alpha; W. D. Wirt, Tennessee Alpha; R. Denton Duke, Tennessee Alpha; James A. Sugg, Tennessee Alpha; Paul Brown, Georgia Alpha; Charlie Turner, Georgia Alpha; J. R. Muhlig; F. W. Barkley; Cecil Jones, Tennessee Alpha.

—R. BROOKS PARKER

### **Muscle Shoals Area**

On February 21, a steak dinner was held at the Tennessee Valley Country Club, Tuscumbia, Ala., with 13 brothers and their wives present. This was the first get-together in many years.

Pat Harris, master of ceremonies, called on each brother to introduce himself and wife. "Jep" Blake spoke on the founding of Alabama Alpha of which he is a charter member.

A committee composed of Oliver Turner, Julian Greer, and Reynold Burt was formed to arrange the next meeting. Dick Garrett was named secretary.

Alumni present: J. H. Blake, Reynold B. Burt, Julian A. Greer, Patrick B. Harris, Cornelius V. Morris, Dr. Charles Thigpen and R. O. Turner all from Alabama Alpha, Howard A. Griffith, Jr., Ga. Alpha, LeRoy M. Milner, Jr., Ark. Alpha, and Richard B. Garrett, Kan. Alpha. Out of town members present were Rodney Carter, Ala. Alpha Cherokee; Jack Ross,

Tenn. Alpha and Llydge Ross, Tenn. Alpha, Savannah, Tenn.

Alumni known to live in the vicinity but unable to attend the dinner include: Barclay R. Challenger, Delaware Alpha; R. C. Heaton, Colorado, Alpha, John L. Kennedy, Alabama Alpha, Zenas A. Stanfield, Tennessee Alpha, and R. B. Stitzer, Colorado Alpha.

—RICHARD B. GARRETT

### **Questions from Birmingham**

The Birmingham Alumni Chapter has now been fully reorganized and is holding meetings on the first Tuesday in each month. Besides our regular members we have been honored at each meeting with a few out-of-town members who have read of our reorganization through the JOURNAL.

We have elected O. R. Lockart, Alabama Alpha, '42, as our delegate to the Conclave in September. His address is 2400 Pearson Avenue, Birmingham, Ala. Jack G. Fields, Alabama Alpha, '42, is our alternate. Plans have been made for several others to attend with them. The main subjects the brothers were interested in having discussed at the Conclave were:

1. Is the fraternity trying to expand too fast?
2. What is the correct procedure to follow in petitioning for new chapters?
3. To ask the Grand Chapter to investigate why some chapters have failed and if something could be done to stop recurrence.

The alumni are arranging to have the Alabama Alpha and Beta Chapters to have several joint rush parties before the fall semester in Birmingham.

—T. W. SCRUGGS

### **Kansas Staters**

Kansas Beta Alumni Chapter is co-operating with the Kansas State Alumni Office in soliciting funds for the All Faith Memorial Chapel to be constructed on the campus. We believe it is proper for the alumni of this chapter to contribute to this living memorial for those who served in the armed forces during the war.

Seventeen members of this chapter gave their lives to uphold the ideals of this nation. This is a larger sacrifice than any other organized group on the campus.

The alumni and active chapters have pledged themselves to purchase a window in the chapel. The sum of \$10 to be contributed by each alumnus was recommended by the alumni council.

Contributions will be received by Fritz Knorr, Alumni Treasurer, R.F.D. 5, Manhattan, Kan.; 39 members have already contributed to the Memorial Chapel Fund.

—HERMAN A. PRAEGER, JR.

## **Reunion at Appleton**

Forty-eight alumni of Wisconsin Alpha attended a chapter reunion meeting and dinner at the Butte des Morts Golf Club, Appleton, Wis., June 7. Members of the active chapter also attended. The reunion was one phase of the Lawrence College Centennial Commencement. Twenty-two other Sig Eps were present at class reunion dinners held the same evening.

Five of the six living members of class of '14 attended the fraternity reunion dinner: Paul Amundsen, Bob Wilson, Irwin Witthuhn, Herman Smith, and Chris Isely.

The reunion also served as a meeting of Wisconsin Alpha's Alumni Foundation.

Directors for the Foundation for the ensuing term were elected. These are: Bob Watson, Bill Zuehlke, Earl Miller, Russ Spoor, and Ed West.

—ED WEST

## **Capitol Capers**

The last meeting before the summer vacation was held June 6; 62 brothers lunched together at O'Donnells. Several men from various parts of the U.S. who now call metropolitan Washington their home attended. It was an enthusiastic gathering which voted unanimously to send our energetic President, J. Bernard Bradshaw, to Conclave as delegate. George Morgan was elected alternate.

Those present included: Dean William Van Vleck, D.C. Alpha, '11; G. G. Sward, Iowa Gamma, '19; Ben Foster, D.C. Alpha, '25; A. H. Fast, Kansas Alpha, '09; Norman Stockett, D.C. Alpha, '18; T. Jack Gary, Virginia Alpha, '31; J. S. Payne, D.C. Alpha, '17; Henry E. Allen, Virginia Epsilon, '34; Frank Dahn, D.C. Alpha, '09; Herb Qualls, Tennessee Alpha, '25; Dennis Link, D.C. Alpha, '34; Walt Slavic, D.C. Alpha; and T. Smart, D.C. Alpha. —M. F. PERCY

## **Puget Soundings**

In the election held June 12 Ken Cosby took the gavel from hardworking Ivan Merrick as president of the Puget Sound Alumni Association. Dr. Rosenberg was elected vice-president, Dick Olson, secretary, and Art Kane, treasurer. The new Board of Directors for the building corporation include Bev Travis, Art Finlon, Fred Crowl, and Larry Waldron. The evening was further highlighted by a history of the chapter by one of its visiting alumni, Frank Anderson, Washington Beta.

## **Milwaukee Reports Briefly**

The affairs of the Milwaukee Alumni Chapter for the ensuing year are in the hands of three Wisconsin Betas from the University of Wisconsin. They are: Alan Steinmetz, presi-

dent, '42; Paul Pohle, vice-president, '42; and Jack Krueger, secretary-treasurer, '37. The election of officers was held at the spring dinner-bridge meeting at the Milwaukee City Club.

—JACK E. KRUEGER

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### **Alabama**

Lieut. Colonel Henry Collins Urquhart, Birmingham attorney, who has served as solicitor for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court since his release from the Army in December, 1945, has accepted a commission in the regular Army. He will leave soon for his initial Army assignment in the office of the judge advocate general at Washington. He is a Howard College graduate and received his law degree from the University of Alabama. He was born in Birmingham and served 10 years as an Army Reserve officer and during World War II served with the Strategic Air Force in Guam. He also served as staff judge advocate at Maxwell Field and Robins Field, Ga.

Tom Hupke, who once captained the Cleveland Rams and played with the Detroit Lions, national professional football teams, is associated with the labor relations department at the Ford Motor Company.

### **Cornell**

Robert H. McTague, '36, is a business broker with offices in Miami, Fla.

Frank C. McTague, Jr., '38, is a salesman for the Whitaker Paper Company, merchants of book papers, New York City.

### **Davidson**

Several Davidson Sig Eps are studying in Richmond, Va., at Union Theological Seminary, in preparation for the ministry. My younger brother, Fitz Hugh Legerton, is secretary-treasurer of the junior class, and two other Davidson Sig Eps, Bob Bradford and Jerry Newbold (pledge, '43) are there. Some are there from other schools also, and two more Davidson Sig Eps are on their way.

—CLARENCE LEGERTON, '43

### **Delaware**

Dr. Robert L. Dickey, '43, is a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, A.U.S., stationed at Deshon Veterans' Hospital, Butler, Pa.

### **Michigan**

Warren A. Wood, '28, who left Detroit's Griswold Street in 1941 to become a public relations director in industry, is back in the securities business as a floor trader with Baker,

Simonds & Company. He specializes in odd lots on the floor of the Detroit Stock Exchange.

William M. Berridge, Jr., '38, who was with the eastern aircraft division of General Motors Corporation at Linden, N.J., during the war, has returned to Detroit and may be addressed at 19769 Steel Ave., Detroit 21.

Edward E. MacDonald, '46, who was an Army sergeant at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., may be addressed at 1516½ Belmont, Parsons, Kan.

William R. Ludwig, '46, who served in China with the office of strategic services during the war, is with the Lutz Lumber and Coal Co., and resides at 5934 Radnor Ave., Detroit.

Dr. George W. Christiansen, '16D, was elected vice-president of the Michigan Dental Society at the society's convention in the Statler Hotel, on April 16, 1947.

## **Missouri**

Prof. Leslie H. Rice, '28, of the faculty of the University of Oklahoma Journalism School, has been engaged in a summer course of graduate study at his alma mater.

## **North Carolina State**

Thomas Guy Monroe, '43, has received his master's degree at Cal Tech and will remain in the AAF as a jet pilot for a short while.

Walter Harper, '44, has returned from Italy and will re-enter school this summer.

Robert C. Bryan, '45, was graduated from Annapolis on June 6, and will remain in the Navy.

Julien Godwin, '42, is associated with E. W. Godwin, Sons Lumber Co. in Wilmington, N.C.

William Carpenter, '45, student at Annapolis, was at the house recently for a visit.

James Horan, Jr. '48, is enrolled in the University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.

Marion B. Haynes, '48, is associated with his father's firm, Haynes Electric Company, Asheville, N.C.

Walter A. Thomason, '41, is located at Raleigh as instructor in the Textile School at N.C. State.

## **Norwich**

From the bi-septennial report of the class of 1933, of Fred E. Steele, III, *Norwich Record*, May 16, 1947:

Harry W. Aiken, Jr. (Prep. Winthrop, Mass.). Chemist at Lever Bros. Co., 164 Broadway, Cambridge, Mass. In service Feb. '42 to May '46; Capt. QMC; Africa and Middle East two years. Lives at 12 Burnham St., West Somerville, Mass., with wife, Arline Edwards.

George Donald Bacon (Prep. Newport,

N.H.). Designer in Structural Engineering, at 441 Stuart St., Boston, Mass. In service Feb. '41 to Mar. '46; Capt. 2nd Armored Div.; Egypt, Tripoli, No. Africa, England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany.

Pasco E. Del Vecchio (Prep. Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass.). Asst. Employment Service Mgr. for Vt. Employment Service at 291 No. Main St., Barre, Vt. Lives at 5 First Ave., Montpelier, with wife, Madine Stewart.

Albert A. Fraser (prep. Northfield, Vt.). Deputy Commissioner of Industrial Relations for State of Vermont, Montpelier. Unmarried: home address, Northfield, Vt.

Morris E. Galusha (prep. Newark, N.Y.). Engineer, Western Geophysical Co., 2952 35th St., Sacramento, Calif. In service from June 41 to Dec. 46; Philippines and Japan; Lt. Col. in Signal Corps and General Staff Corps. Home address is 2839 Sheridan Ave., North Bend, Ore. One daughter, Jocelyn.

Herman J. Lavin (prep. Peekskill, N.Y.). Sales Promotion Mgr. for *American Exporter*, 386 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N.Y. In service Sept. 43 to Apr. 46; 1st Lt. in 3rd and 1st Armored Div.; landed at Omaha and took part in the five European campaigns of the 3rd Armored; Combat Infantryman Badge and Presidential Citation with cluster. Unmarried. Home address is 134 Washington St., Peekskill, N.Y.

Fred E. Steele, III (prep. Williston Academy, Easthampton, Mass.). Lt. (jg) USMS, senior English instructor at U.S. Merchant Marine School, San Mateo, Calif. In service December 1941, to August 1946. Stationed in England, Scotland, and Ireland for two and a half years; Army Commendation Ribbon. Lives with wife, Phyllis Glazier, and daughter, Diana Carolyn, at 135 Linda Vista, Millbrae, Calif.

W. Douglas McKellar, Jr. (prep. Wellesley, Mass.). Salesman for Addressograph, Boylston St., Boston, Mass. In service June 42 to Dec. 46; Major in AACs; Accra, Dakar, Liberia—in other words, he kept it dark in Africa! Lives at 277 Waltham St., West Newton, Mass., with wife, Phebe Giles, and daughter, Susan H. (2 Dec. 39).

Stephen D. Martin (prep. New Bedford, Mass.). Conservation Officer for the State of Massachusetts, Div. of Fish and Game, 15 Ashburton Pl., Boston 8, Mass. In service from Dec. 40 to Jan. 46; Major in the 2691st Co., Mil. Mission to the Italian Army; North Africa, Sicily, Sardinia, and Italy; Europeon African Middle Eastern, Knight Crown of Italy, Victory Medical with three battle stars. Lives at 43 Clifford St., Taunton, Mass., with wife, Catherine Duffy, and children (brace yourselves, boys!): Barry (28 Jan. 36), Nancy (20 Mar. 37), Janice (5 May 38), Paul (23 Aug. 39), David (18 July 40), and Rosemary (4 July 42.).

Lincoln P. Vennard (prep. Portsmouth, N.H.). Civil Engineer, Public Works Dept., USMCAS (Navy Dept.), El Toro, Calif. In service June 43 to Sept. 45; platoon sgt., 5th Pioneer Bn., 5th Marine Div., FMF, USMC; Hawaii from Sept. 44 to Jan. 45. Lives at 1528 West 8th St., Santa Ana, Calif., with wife, Roberta Hubbard, and daughter, Victoria L. (7 Jan. 46).

### **Oregon State**

W. Craig Chambers is with the F. A. Ensign Advertising Agency, Inc., 625 Grant Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

William D. Caldwell, '43, is in charge of the new ceramic laboratory of the Perfection Stove Company, in Cleveland, Ohio.

William Gee is an accountant in Cleveland, Ohio.

Carl Obenauf, '43, is with the Borden Dairy Products Corp. in Boscobel, Wis.

Clarence Shields, '46, is with Owens Corning Fiber Glass Corp. of Toledo, Ohio.

### **Oregon**

Charles A. Taylor, New England Mutual representative of the Los Angeles-Payton, Dun and Bradstreet agency, is one of 28 life underwriters selected from all over the country to attend a company post-war training seminar. A resident of Long Beach, Calif., he served for more than four years as an aviator in the Navy. He is a member of the V.F.W., and the Long Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### **Oregon State**

Earl L. Dibble, '31, assistant division manager of the National Carbon Company, Kansas City, Mo., has a four-year-old daughter, Darolyn, who got the Dibble name about a column of space in the *Kansas City Star* one day last March.

Following the example of her mother, she placed some flowers in a small pink-and-blue vase, her little hand with them, and the hand persisted in remaining, with all efforts to extricate it failing until the police were summoned. A few dousings of mineral oil instead of soapsuds, a gentle pull, "and the sturdy little fist popped out of the porcelain," according to the *Star* reporter. Accompanying the story was a 2-column picture showing Darolyn holding the troublesome vase.

### **Southern California**

Bud Kersey, '36, is an instructor and athletic coach in Canoga Park High School, in San Fernando Valley, Calif.

Cornelius Deasy, '47, is with Butler & Butler, advertising agency, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Carl Hanson, '37, president of the Los



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For further information write: Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Corvallis, Oregon.

Angeles alumni group, is instructing veterans at Belmont High School, Los Angeles, Calif.

Donald Barber, '41, is a salesman of orthopedic appliances, with headquarters at Los Angeles, Calif.

Joseph F. Holt III, '47, is associated with Van Norman & Morrison, insurance brokers, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dr. John Dietrich, '38, is a physician with offices at Glendale, Calif.

William and Thomas Waters, '36, are Plymouth salesmen, situated with salesrooms on Western Avenue, Los Angeles.

Robert Martin Pegram, '38, is a cost accountant with the Q.R.S. Neon Sign Co., Los Angeles, Calif.

J. P. Brough, '39, is with Safeway Stores.

Robert Wilkinson, '44, is in the architectural planning department of United-Rexall Drug Co.

William Walk, '37, practices law with the firm of Davidson & Bartlett, Ontario, Calif.

### **Stevens Tech**

Roland K. Borchers, '21, is secretary and a director of the Senn Products Corporation, Maspeth, N.Y.; vice-president and director of the Hudson Valley Packing Corp., Brooklyn, N.Y.; and partner in the Senn Products Co., Ware, Mass. The firms are well known for

such brands as Acme jams and jellies, Sambo chocolate drinks, and Nu-A-Lu aluminum cleanser. He is associated with George Senn, '21, member of the old local Phi Kappa Pi, whom we hope soon to initiate into Sigma Phi Epsilon.

David O. Campbell, ex-'46, is Midshipman U.S.N. at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, where he is interested in the informal Sig Ep Club made up of brothers who transferred there from other campuses.

William J. Canavan, '44, immediate past treasurer of N.J. Alpha Alumni Board, has moved to 13 Ardsley Blvd., Garden City, L.I., N.Y., following his marriage in April.

William E. Cooper, ex-'45, received a degree in engineering at Oregon State in June.

Thomas N. Dalton, '35, formerly a project engineer with M. W. Kellogg Co., Jersey City, is now Chief Engineer of Heat Transfer, Inc., New York City.

Richard H. Dischinger, '34, is Marine Engineer with Gibbs & Cox, New York City.

Walter F. Doring, Jr., '40, formerly with Walter Kidde & Co., is with E. Dombrowsky & Son, Newark, N.J.

Griffin H. Foley, Jr., '45, is with Universal C.I.T. Credit Corporation, Oklahoma City 2, Okla., where he has set up a new accounting office.

Robert A. Funger, '44, is an engineer in the Condenser & Heater Engineering Division, Worthington Pump & Machinery Corp., in Harrison, N.J.

Clifford J. Fuller, '43, is junior industrial hygiene engineer, New York State Department of Labor.

Frank J. Furfaro, '45, is doing sales engineering work for J. O. Ross Engineering Corp., 350 Madison Avenue, N.Y.C.

Edward J. F. Garvey, '38, has returned to International Business Machine Corp., Poughkeepsie, N.Y., following service as captain in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

B. Harry Gominger, '45, industrial fuel engineer, Philadelphia Gas Works Co., has moved to Mantua Blvd., Sewell, N.J. He and Elizabeth Herbert were married in March, 1945.

John Ernest Hoffman, '14, is director of purchases, the Cuban-American Sugar Company, 120 Wall St., New York City. He resides in White Plains, has two children: Elizabeth and John.

Daniel J. Jordan, Jr., '45, is inspector with Moody Engineering Co., 140 Cedar St., New York City.

Martin W. Krause, ex-'46, is expected back on the Stevens campus in September. He is now with New Jersey Machine Corp., Hoboken, N.J.

Thurston C. LeVay, '43, moved from Manhasset, and was last reported at "Stagecoach Hill," Undermountain Rd., Sheffield, Mass. He

continues as development engineer with the Hazeltine Electronics Corporation.

Arthur R. Lewandowski, '43, has left the Merchant Marine and is employed at the Bayway Refinery, Standard Oil Co. of N.J.

Francis H. Lewis, '25, is with Stevenson, Jordan & Harrison, Chicago; and resides in Wilmette, Ill. Francis H. Jr. and Alan John celebrated their twelfth and seventh birthdays this August.

Robert C. Medl, Jr., '29, is vice-president and technical director of McCormack-Medl Corporation, Camden, N.J. In addition to the Stevens M.E., he obtained his master's degree in chemical engineering (Columbia, '34). "Stretch" resides in Faulkland, Marshallton, Del., with wife Alberta and two children, Marilyn and Robert L.

Asst. Prof. Kenneth J. Moser, '28, in addition to teaching M.E. subjects at Stevens Tech, is treasurer of the Hobsite Corp., Paterson, N.J.; serves on local and national committees of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; represents N.J. Alpha in the Stevens Alumni IFC; is faculty adviser to the Stevens Engineering Society and Stevens Branch of A.S.M.E.; is active in such other professional societies as S.A.E. and the N.S.P.E.; and is prominent in church work in Paterson. He holds licenses as professional engineer in New York and New Jersey. Still, Ken finds time to do lots of work on behalf of the chapter alumni board, and for years has been a stalwart supporter.

Harry R. Miller, '38, is doing hotel management work and accounting as auditor for the King Cole Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla. He has been looking for backers to open a big-time skating rink in the Greater Miami Area.

Charles R. Nichols, '29, director of engineering, Joseph Dixon Crucible Co., Jersey City, and member of the executive committee of the Stevens Alumni Association, is also president of the University Club of Hudson County, member of Rotary International. He resides in Mahwah, N.J., with his wife Barbara, 7-year-old Barbara Jr., and son Charles R. III who became 4 years old this summer.

Lt. Col. Horace G. Oliver, Jr., '35, was awarded the Legion of Merit for his accomplishments in the Near and Middle East with the Army General Staff Corps during the late war. He is now with M. W. Kellogg Co., Jersey City.

Cornish Wire Company, New York and Paterson, should soon be even more closely identified with the Fraternity. Wilbur F. Osler, Jr., '14, is vice-president. James C. Stagg Sr., '11, is treasurer. Now the chapter looks forward to initiating TUO Alumnus John Cook, '11, who is president of the company. All three have given their support to the Chapter Building Fund.

Edward H. Reichard, '33, is chief engineer of

Consolidated Film Industries Inc. (Division of Republic Pictures Corp.) in Hollywood, Calif.

Walter Steinmann, '21, is engaged in research engineering with Filtration Engineers, Inc., Newark, N.J., and continues his association with Hobsite Corporation, Paterson. He is now fully recovered from last year's illness, and again taking part in meetings of N.J. Alpha Alumni Board.

Francis M. Van Voorhees, '23, long missed at chapter gatherings, is reported still on the staff of the *Newark News*.

Arthur C. Winter, '34, has established his own business in the radiotelegraphic equipment field. He is president of the Winter Engineering Company, Paterson, N.J., and also continues his consulting engineering practice in Teaneck, N.J.

Milton P. Franklin, '43, is business manager of MARSHA of California, Inc., Los Angeles 5, Calif. He resides in Hollywood.

Arthur E. Blirer, '35, is a free lance in the field of direct mail advertising in New York City and Bretton Woods, N.J.

If you know a lad or lads who will enter Stevens Tech this fall, please pass the word to Walter C. Graulich Jr., chapter president, Sigma Phi Epsilon, 530 Hudson Street, Hoboken, N.J., or to Arthur E. Blirer, '35, 106 West 56th Street, New York 19, N.Y.

If you have information concerning likely students at other campuses, please pass the word to the Grand Chapter. Or, if you prefer, pass the news to us and we'll relay it.

### Syracuse

Richard A. McLellan, '42, for the past two years an underwriter in the home office of New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, Boston, Mass., has joined the field force of one of the company's general agencies in Boston. Outside activities include alumni work for Nichols Junior College.

### Richmond

C. W. Dickinson, Jr., '05, is the author of an article, "Ten Years of Public School Library Progress," in a recent issue of the *Virginia Journal of Education*. A frequent contributor to educational journals, he is director of School Libraries and Textbooks, Virginia state department of education.

### Virginia

A. Stewart Kerr, '38, has resigned as Special Assistant to the Attorney General after nine years of Department of Justice service, to practice law in Detroit. He is associated with the firm of Lightner, Crawford, Sweeny, Dodd & Mayer.



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## West Virginia

Colonel M. C. Burnside, '12 is temporarily sojourning at the Cincinnati Club, Ohio, where he has been undergoing some surgical repair work brought on by strenuous army days.

## Worcester Tech

Gustaff Coontz, '41, is office manager at the Coppus Engineering Corporation in Worcester.

Lester A. Bolton Jr., '42, is employed as a draftsman with the Riley Stoker Corporation in Worcester.

Harold L. Crane, '42, is one of the eleven Tech men employed at the aeronautical research center of the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics at Langley Field, Va. The flight research division, to which he is assigned, provides the final check on theoretical or wind-tunnel findings and extends the usefulness of wind-tunnel research by serving as a measure for verification or correction of wind-tunnel data. He has conducted extensive investigations of the stability and control characteristics of full-scale airplanes.

Robert M. Buck, '45, is employed on radar work at the Naval Research Laboratories, Chesapeake Bay Annex, North Beach, Md.

Roger H. Brown, '46, has joined the Continental Screw Company of New Bedford. He is an assistant in the physical laboratories.

Richard P. Giles, '46, at last reports, was at the Schenectady plant of General Electric. He was present at the February meeting of the Tech Alumni group when President Cluverius gave his talk on "Tech, Present and Future."

Thomas C. Frary, '36, has left the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co. in Thompsonville, Conn., and is now selling for the Bay State Belting Company. They are manufacturers of leather belting with factory in Salem and offices in Boston. Tom has sold his home in Longmeadow and purchased one in Marblehead.

Edwin L. Kiem, '39, expects to leave the General Line School at Newport, R.I., for Bermuda the last of May. His tentative address will be: Commander E. L. Kiem, Fasron 104, Navy P.O. 138, c/o FPO, New York, N.Y.

Edward T. Jones, '14, paper mill engineer for Charles T. Main, Inc., has just returned from Mexico where he has been working on a new paper mill.

Hollon L. Davis, '16, represents the Turbine Engineering Division of the General Electric Company. He witnessed Naval Official Trials of main propulsion equipment furnished on destroyers, light cruisers, light air craft carriers, heavy cruisers, and battleships (total 47) during the war.

Russell C. Proctor, Jr., '42, is associated with

Ingersoll-Rand Co., in Tulsa Okla. as a salesman.

Christopher T. Terpo, '44, left Norton Company in May and is now covering eastern New England as abrasive engineer (Sales) for the Fuller-Merriam Company of West Haven, Conn.

Richard W. Allen, '45, is engineer on transmitter design at Radio Corporation of America, Camden, N.J.

Edwin S. Johanson, '45, is research correlator for Hydrocarbon Research, Inc. at their pilot plant in Trenton, N.J.

Walter P. Matzelevich, '45, is studying at the Harvard School of Business Administration in Cambridge.

Charles A. Morse, Jr., '45, is still in China with the UNRRA but expects to leave there this August.

Wilton A. Ericson, '46, is engineer on plant layout and equipment design for the Blaw Knox Company, Chemical Plants Division in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Richard F. Propst, '46, is in the Pittsfield, Mass. plant of General Electric Co.

Lawson T. Hill, Jr., '48, corporal in the Air Corps, having taken training at Keesler Field, Miss., and at Lowry Field, Colo., is at Eglin Field, Fla.

Sherman M. Hall, '27, is assistant to the treasurer, Consolidated Edison Company of New York. His principal interest is in cash forecasting, annual report, and stockholder relations.

Jeremiah H. Vail, '33, general supervisor, labor relations, American Steel and Wire Co. at Cleveland, is engaged in negotiating labor agreements and handling labor problems largely in the middle west.

Clinton E. Leech, '36, is superintendent of the Paterson Gas Works (Public Service Electric and Gas Co., N.J.)

Carl S. Otto, '37, is group leader in flight test instrumentation for Chance-Vought Aircraft at Stratford, Conn. G. B. Smith, '36, and Ellis R. Spaulding, '32, keep him company at Chance-Vought.

Raymond J. Forkey, '40, is newly elected vice-president of the Rochester-Genesee (N.Y.) chapter of the W.P.I. Alumni Association.

Benjamin A. Lambert, '40, recently left Polaroid Corporation and is now chemical engineer for Arthur D. Little, Inc. in Cambridge.

Earle K. Boyd, '41, is a research chemical engineer for Du Pont working on the development of cellulose products.

Leonard W. Howell, '10, is a sales engineer for the Norton Company in Worcester.

Sherman Dane, '30, is a tax analyst in the Trust Department of Webster and Atlas National Bank, Boston.

## ★ VITAL DATA ★

### **Married**

*"Age and wedlock tame man and beast."*

—H. G. BOHN

Burt Lowe, California Beta active, and Alice Louise Anderson, in April, 1947, at the Huntington Park Methodist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Frank Hand, California Beta active, and Glenrose Spielman, in November, 1946, at Ventura, Calif.

William Campbell, California Beta active, and Donna Randall, in April, 1947, in the garden of the bride's home, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Kenneth Horrell, Colorado Beta active, president of his chapter, and Isabel Gist, on June 7, 1947.

David Oberlin, D.C. Alpha, '38, and Delia Elizabeth Rose, of Richmond, Va., on May 17, 1947.

Paul Oberlin, D.C. Alpha, '38, and Virginia Lee Graddock, of Washington, D.C., on June 14, 1947.

James H. Poynter, Indiana Beta active, and Helena Harshbarger, on May 29, 1947, at New Castle, Ind.

Edward Hyde, Indiana Alpha, and Marcia Goodman, on June 7, 1947.

Mark E. Weston, Iowa Alpha, and Muriel Stone, on June 2, 1947.

Don E. Riemenschneider, Iowa Gamma, and Vicki Jeane Price, on May 17, 1947, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines, Iowa.

Robert D. Phillips, Iowa Gamma, and Nadean Annette Johnson, on June 7, 1947, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Zumbrota, Minn.

David J. Walton, Iowa Gamma, and Janice Louise Ward, on July 3, 1947, at St. Raphael's Cathedral, Dubuque, Iowa.

M. Duane Francies, Iowa Gamma and Joanne Hulson, Gamma Phi Beta, of Keokuk, Iowa, in April.

Howard K. James, Kansas Alpha, '43, and Ruth Schafer, on April 11, 1947, in the Memorial Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo.

John R. Clifford, Kentucky Alpha active, of Elizabethtown, Ky., and Virginia Lindberg, Lexington, Ky., on June 7, 1947, at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.

Paul Thomas King, Kentucky Alpha active, of Earlington, Ky., and Jean Spicer, Kappa Alpha Theta, Sig Ep "Dream Girl" of 1946 of Lexington, Ky., on June 7, 1947, in Woodland Christian Church, Woodland, Ky.

John Dorsey Lindner, Kentucky Alpha active, of Dallas, Tex., and Lucy Catherine Bates, Louisville, Ky., on June 7, 1947, at First United Lutheran Church, Dallas.

Francis Bliven, Massachusetts Beta active, and Shirley Ann Geisler, of North Grafton, Mass., in April, 1947.

David Womack, Mississippi Alpha, '42, and Jean Woods, Ole Miss. Kappa Delta, on April 26, 1947, at Waynesboro, Miss.

Robert Busby, Nebraska Alpha, and Dorothy Sundell (AOII), Wakefield, Neb., on August 16, 1947, at Wakefield, Neb.

Addis T. Ward, Nebraska Alpha, and Barbara Sutton, (ΓΦΒ), Omaha, Neb., on August 23, 1947 at, Omaha.

John W. Greene, Nebraska Alpha, and Trudy Harvey, Gering, Neb., in August, 1947.

Lt. (jg) James Kratochovil, Nebraska Alpha, and Mary Virginia Hall, Brunswick, Neb., on April 12, 1947, at Great Lakes, Ill.

Casper Theisen, Nebraska Alpha, and Jean Swengle (ΛΟΠΙ), Plainview, Neb., on June 28, 1947, at Osmond, Neb.

Neal Copple, Nebraska Alpha, and Olive Pope, Sutton, Neb., on May 25, 1947, at Lincoln, Neb.

Joseph McCauley, former New York Gamma president, and Eileen Fray, on June 14, 1947, in Blessed Sacrament Church, Jackson Heights, Long Island.

James W. Ellwanger, New York Gamma, and Mary Lorean, on June 10, 1947, at Attapulgus Ga.

Robert Cavenaugh Bryan, North Carolina Beta, '45, and Janet Kelly of Erwin, N.C., on June 14, 1947, in the First Presbyterian Church at Dunn, N.C., with Bill Carpenter, '45, and Wallace Yates, '46, as ushers.

Thomas Zeigler Lauten, North Carolina active, and Alice Hall of Winston-Salem, N.C., on June 14, 1947, at Winston-Salem, N.C.

Edward E. Williams, North Carolina Beta active, and Helen Wilkerson of Fuquay, N.C., on June 12, 1947, at Raleigh, N.C., with Bud Foreman, '48, Ira K. Davis, '48, and Kenneth Caldwell, '48, as ushers.

Harry F. Shaw, North Carolina Epsilon, and Sara Stuart, in August, 1946, at Goldsboro, N.C.

Lacy S. Sellars, North Carolina Epsilon, and Kitty Maxwell, on June 3, 1947, at Charlotte, N.C.

Hiram Ward, North Carolina Zeta active, and Evelyn McDaniel, on June 1, 1947.

Heyward Smith, North Carolina Zeta active, and Elizabeth Bryan, on June 14, 1947.

William K. Turner Jr., Ohio Alpha, and Mary Catherine Kelly, on June 1, 1947, in Trinity Methodist Church, Lima, Ohio.

Norman F. Boop, Ohio Alpha, and Margaret Dawson, on April 15, 1947, in First Reformed and Evangelical Church, Lima, Ohio.

Harold G. Friddell, Ohio Alpha, and Leona Jean Neighswander, on May 18, 1947, at United Brethren Church, Rawson, Ohio.

Hugh Wait, Ohio Gamma, and Leatric Goebel at Bucyrus, Ohio [Date not reported.]

Joseph Nisonger, Ohio Gamma, and Julie McLean, at Columbus, Ohio. [Date not reported.]

William R. Siekel, Oklahoma Alpha active, (comptroller), and Doris Jean Townsell, Oklahoma A. & M. Pi Beta Phi, on May 31, 1947, at the chapter house in Stillwater, with Sig Ep Jerry Frank Boutwell as best man and Sig Eps Chuck Harrison, S. M. Hart, and Horace Moseley as ushers.

Eugene Liles, Oklahoma Gamma, '50, and Ann Siekman (Delta Delta Delta), on May 24, at Independence, Kan. with chapter brother John Junk as best man.

William Pryor Junk, Jr., Oklahoma Gamma, '49, and Mary Jacqueline Ryan (Kappa Delta) on June 7, in Christ-the-King Catholic Church, at Tulsa, with his brother and also chapter brother, John Junk, as best man.

John Middleton, Oregon Beta, '48, and Mary Ross, Alpha Phi, on June 15, 1947 in the Congregational Church, Eugene, Ore.

Walter Mead, Oregon Beta, '48, and Thelma Fraley, on June 21, 1947, in the bride's home at Alameda, Calif.

Dwayne Heathman, Oregon Beta, '47, and Juanita Danford, of Miami, Fla., on June 28, 1947, at Miami.

Richard Will, Oregon Beta, '47, and Eleanor Anderson, Alpha Omicron Pi, on July 8, 1947 in the First Congregational Church, Eugene.

George Zeigler, Pennsylvania Delta, '47, and Sarah May Jaggard, University of Pennsylvania Alpha Xi Delta, on June 21, 1947, in Bible Presbyterian Church, Collingswood, N.J.

William Woodhouse Harper, Pennsylvania Kappa, '45, and Elizabeth Ware, on June 14, 1947, at Riverdale, N.Y.

Richard P. Ashton, Vermont Alpha, vice-president, and Barbara L. Wheeler, on June 7, 1947, at Rochester, N.Y.

Thaddeus Talley Crump, Virginia Alpha active, ex-Army Air Force hero, student body president, and Nancy Lee Blanks, on May 31, 1947, at Richmond, Va.

## Born

*"When we are born we cry that we are come to this great stage of fools."*

—SHAKESPEARE

To Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Dickey, Delaware Alpha, '43, a daughter, Elizabeth Elliott, their second child, on May 22, 1947, at Butler, Pa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Smith, D.C. Alpha, '35, a daughter, Helen Grace, on May 30, 1947, at Washington, D.C., with Dr. Francis A. Hornaday, D.C. Alpha, assisting the delivery.

To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel K. Dotson, D.C. Alpha, '41, a son, Daniel, Jr., on April 15, 1947.

To Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Culp, D.C. Alpha, a son, Theodore, Jr., on May 19, 1947.

To Mr. and Mrs. George P. Breckenridge, Iowa Beta, '47, a son, Jeffrey Purvis, on June 8, 1947, at Mary Greeley Memorial Hospital, Ames, Iowa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bussing, Kansas Alpha, '41, a daughter, Carol Ann, their first child, on February 27, 1947.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. John R. Guenard, Massachusetts Alpha, '31, a daughter, Renée-Jeanne, on April 2, 1947.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Dearborn, Massachusetts Beta, '37, a daughter, Edith Carpenter, on March 13, 1947.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ellis R. Spaulding, Massachusetts Beta, '32, a daughter, Deborah Eithne, on April 2, 1947.

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Stevens, Massachusetts Beta, '40, a son, Peter Hamilton, on December 23, 1946.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Lyons, Nebraska Alpha, a daughter, Katherine Louise, at Hay Springs, Neb., on May 11, 1947.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dancer, Nebraska Alpha, a son, Frank G., at Rosebud, Ore., on May 25, 1947.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dean Messman, Nebraska Alpha, a son, Glen William, June 2, 1947.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spurr White, New York Gamma, a daughter, Diana White, on March 18, 1947. New York Gamma presented two silver spoons to Diana.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanstrom, New York Gamma, a daughter, Robin Lee, on May 4, 1947.

To Mr. and Mrs. Warren Christensen, Oregon Beta, '46, twin daughters, Lonna Lee and Cherry, on May 26, 1947, at Tillimook, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maestro, Pennsylvania Lambda, '48, a daughter, Deborah Ann Maestro. [Date not reported.]

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stewart, Pennsylvania Lambda, '47, a son, Richard Stewart, Jr. [Date not reported.]

To Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Skidmore, South Carolina Alpha, '35, a second son, Elliott McCants, on January 10, 1947, at Columbia, S.C.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Haddrell, Vermont Alpha, '31, a daughter, Alice Mary, on June 9, 1947.

To Lt. and Mrs. Richard A. Fink, Wisconsin Alpha, '40, a daughter, Suzanne Carman, on March 29, 1947, at Fort Knox, Ky.

## Adopted

By Mr. and Mrs. William Craig Chambers, Ohio Gamma, a foster son, William Craig, Jr., at the age of five months, on May 15, 1947, at Pittsburgh, Pa.



Howard A. Falk  
Iowa Gamma



James L. Coss, Jr.  
Missouri Alpha

## **Resigned**

*"Farewell, old friend."*

Douglas B. Elam, North Carolina Zeta, '44, on June 6, 1947.

## **Died**

*"The coffin is the cradle's brother."*

GERMAN PROVERB

\*Sgt. Willard Donald Crary, Colorado Gamma, '45; unofficially reported killed in action in an Army Air Force plane over Hungary, on June 30, 1944.

Allen C. Coe, D.C. Alpha, '26, former employee of the Public Housing Administration in Washington, D.C. and attorney for the DeVilbiss Company of Toledo, Ohio; killed in the crash of the Capital-Pennsylvania Central Airlines' DC-4 airliner which crashed into the Blue Ridge Hills on June 13, 1947.

\*Richard A. Guill, Georgia Alpha, died in the service on March 24, 1947; no details reported.

Howard Andrew Falk, Iowa Gamma active, rush chairman of his chapter, on April 29, 1947, in an automobile accident involving four of his chapter brothers; in Iowa.

Robert J. Lynch, Massachusetts Alpha, '49, on May 6, 1947, at the Massachusetts State Sig Ep chapter house; by his own hand.

Theodore Michal Majka, Massachusetts Beta active, on June 25, 1947.

Henry Q. Saucier, Mississippi Beta, '41, on May 21, 1947.

James L. Coss, Jr., '30, Missouri Alpha, of Kansas City, Missouri born, Oklahoman for most of the first 25 years of his life in which state his father served as dispatcher for the Rock Island Railroad; married Clovie Mabel Partee, Alpha Phi, of Vandalia, December 24, 1931; associated with Texoma Natural Gas Company, Amarillo, Tex.; Dowell, Inc., Tulsa, Okla. and Illinois oil fields; Long Construction Company,

Muskogee, Okla.; Long-Turner Construction Company, Kansas City; and Pratt-Whitney Corporation, Kansas City.

Cartoonist of note; for over 10 years part-time staff artist for the Bridgeport Machine Company, Wichita, Kan.; at the time of his death was a fulltime student at the Kansas City Art Institute and School of Design. Died in Research Hospital, April 13, 1947, after a brief illness; with Sig Eps George R. Simmons, H. Hartley Jackson, Arthur Clyde Scott, as bearers and East Gate Lodge 630 of the Masonic Order in charge of the Masonic service.

Housemother Mrs. Delia Rybolt, of Ohio Epsilon, a spirited and indefatigable helper to the chapter for more than a decade (1931-42); on April 27, 1947, of a heart ailment.

Glen Bostwick, Oregon Beta pledge, in an automobile accident south of Corvallis, Ore.; No date reported.

Lloyd D. Mann, Texas Alpha, '31, on April 16, 1947.

\*Raymond R. Paquette, Vermont Alpha, '42; killed in action; no details reported.

\*Gardner W. Wright, Jr., Vermont Beta, '44; killed in action; no details reported.

\*Clarence B. Huxley, Vermont Beta, '44; died in the service; no details reported.

Edward B. Faircloth, Virginia Eta, '41, on July 31, 1946.

## ★ DISTRICT NEWS ★

### **Pharr Is New Chief**

**T**HE Sig Ep chapters at Penn State, Bucknell, and Westminster have a new District Governor. Appointed in March to head District XXI, he is Richard Ruddell Pharr, West Virginia Beta, '42, who follows Charles R. Gies, Pennsylvania Eta, '34, resigned.

Dick Pharr is the man whose chief ambition upon returning from the service in 1945 (he was a captain in the Marines, incidentally) was to reactivate his chapter. This he did in the face of countless obstacles in less time than it takes to say, "The Marines have landed."

Dick Pharr was given a straight steer on Sig Ep as a youngster, his father being Telford R. Pharr, Kansas Beta, '18. At West Virginia he served the chapter as comptroller and as president while participating in basketball, the business end of the yearbook, and Y.M.C.A. A natural leader, he was elected senior class president.

Besides all this, he spent one year with the New York Life Insurance Company while still on the campus, and returned to this firm upon separation from service.

He's a bachelor and a better than average golfer.

# Pan Hellenica

## ★ WOODEN ANNIVERSARY ★

By CHESTER W. CLEVELAND, Editor of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*

A block-headed editor completes his fifth year of adventurous marriage to the dauntless old magazine of the great Sigma Phi Epsilon brotherhood

ALOT of people are wondering these days if Sigma Phi Epsilon fully realizes what a tremendous national asset it has in John Robson, who, with this issue, is beginning his sixth year as editor of the JOURNAL. For my money, John Robson rates a place on the All-American all-time team of fraternity editors and an equally high rating among modern Greeks in general. This evaluation is based on nearly 26 years as editor of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* and my attendance at all but one session of the National Interfraternity Conference since 1922.

My admiration for the erudite Sig Ep editor stems from a close relationship in the affairs of the College Fraternity Editors Association, which Cecil J. (Scoop) Wilkinson and I started on its merry way back in 1923. The past presidents of the Association, who have formed the nominating committee for many years, were quick to recognize the splendid qualifications of Editor Robson and they picked him, ahead of several veterans, for the presidency in 1945-46. He was one of the best presidents the organization ever had and we never cheered him more vociferously than when he was building a fire under some moribund fraternity or fraternity worker.

As an officer of the Editors Association and as a delegate to the National Interfraternity Conference, this Lawrence '28 Sig Ep has effectively demonstrated his faith in the fraternity system. Pi Kappa Alpha's Wilson B. Heller, head of College Social Analysts, who easily has more straight facts on college Greek-letter groups than any other man, believes him to be one of the top fraternity enthusiasts of the country.

"The brotherhood principle is the most stable idea in the world," Robson wrote recently in an article, "Fraternities in One World," for *Banta's Greek Exchange*. "It is the strongest fortress in the storm of civilization. It is a shining pattern of order which appears on the horizon against recurrent clouds of disorder. It is this great thing that is the substance of fraternity, the practical name of which is neighborliness. Good fraternity chapters teach it by the example of men learning how to live with their fellows."

This Sig Ep editor believes that "fraternity

always belongs to the men who practice it, and the practice of it must be regarded as a freedom." While this is a seemingly harmless credo, it has placed him in impatient opposition to many of the policies of the National Interfraternity Conference which he feels bear but a shabby relationship to the good of the undergraduate.

In a recent issue of *The Fraternity Month*, Stewart S. Howe, Kappa Sigma president of Stewart Howe Alumni Service, wrote: "One of the most sincere and idealistic national fraternity editors is John Robson of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He doesn't use the prepared N.I.C. news report in his excellent magazine, but he writes his own reflections and report. It is too bad that more national fraternity leaders do not see these."

All of which is extra work, taken in stride by a workmanlike editor who has been in professional magazine work for much of the greater part of his post-college days. At present he is managing editor of *The American Journal of Nursing*, a monthly of approximately 100,000 circulation, published in New York.

Before Editor Robson began this job, he left one on *Think Magazine*, good will organ of International Business Machines Corporation, to spend the better part of a year working full time for Sigma Phi Epsilon. By no means the



Sig Ep's editor (left), and Earl Schoening, editor of the *Signet* of Phi Sigma Kappa.

gregarious, extrovert type who makes a good fraternity traveler, he visited about forty Sig Ep chapters within five months so he could edit the JOURNAL better. He is a sincere speaker but not a very good one; he would rather write it down.

Upon leaving the campus, one of Robson's first jobs was with the Banta Publishing Company, Menasha, Wis., which he held for nearly six years. Interested in journalism, he left to earn a degree at the Columbia School of Journalism in New York, remaining at the Columbia University Press for about four years. Having become manager of production, he resigned to spend three years in a similar capacity with the Thomas Y. Crowell Company, book publishers.

While at the Crowell Company, he became known as one of the best book designers in New York and received a number of typographical awards from the American Institute of Graphic Arts. With C. O. S. Mawson as co-author, he wrote a book on technical editorial guidance published in 1939. He is also the author of a definitive guide to Columbia University.

Along with Lawrence College and Columbia University, Editor Robson considers the Banta Publishing Company as an alma mater, and it was here that he received a thorough immersion into publishing mechanics to say nothing of a forthright baptism into the paragraphs that go into the fraternity and sorority magazines.

George Banta, Jr., was a lenient boss who, during the lull of summer, permitted some of the editorial department lads the run of the shop so that they might learn to run the linotype, the job presses, and understand the make-up and lock-up operations. Robson can still operate a linotype machine quite expertly.

At Banta's, also in 1932, Robson was more closely introduced to the SIGMA PHI EPSILON JOURNAL, then edited by F. James Barnes, II, the silver-tongued orator of William and Mary. "Robson," Barnes said, "soon did most of the work."

Sig Ep's editor is a skillful word user, and he can write on a diversity of subjects. Back in the early and middle thirties when his column, "Pan Hellenica," in which he often culled oddities from other publications, appeared regularly, Helen C. Bower, then editor of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Key, commented: "The man must have harpoons on his typewriter instead of keys." A typical paragraph at its author's mildest follows:

"*The Phi Gamma Delta* has a column, 'In a Snug, Little Nook by the Fireside,' he wrote. 'It is by its editor, Cecil J. Wilkinson, Ohio Wesleyan, '17. We come right out and say that we do not feel that a comma belongs between *Snug* and *Little*. A picture is flashed in

the eye of our mind of a genial and expansive editor, his sheaf of *Phi Gamma Delta* copy, a portable typewriter, a medium-sized dictionary, and a thesaurus of verbiage. For us this is a beautiful little scene, and free of annoyance factors until we envision this wedging in of the comma, an untidy intruder sharp at the bottom and paunchy at the top, robbing an otherwise enviable ensemble of the better part of its serenity."

Wilkinson took out the comma with the very next issue.

A quality Sigma Phi Epsilon's editor admires more than any other is a sense of proportion, and he is wary of reasoning according to extremes. The magazine he edits reflects this quite clearly.

Although it is first of all a news publication devoted to happenings in the Sig Ep realm, it emphasizes the human side of undergraduates as well as alumni. While its policy makes it obvious that the fraternity's "real show" belongs to the undergraduates, it is also demonstrated that the perspective of the campus is a relatively brief one, limited as a rule to four years, and during this time the undergraduate must not be permitted to lose sight of the elements of a broader perspective, suggesting his work as an alumnus after he has spoken goodbye to campus days.

The JOURNAL forever shouts that fraternities are wonderful clinics in democracy and that it is more important for college to teach men how to live with their fellows than any other thing in the curriculum.

The JOURNAL uses many of its pages to print articles by Sig Ep alumni of lofty thought, such as J. Hillis Miller, associate commissioner of education for New York State; Dean Harry J. Carman, of Columbia College; Dean U. G. Dubach, of Oregon State. Robson believes it is most important to give a certain amount of this to the readers, including the undergraduates, even while they protest that it is over their heads.

The editor believes that it is important to flash the big Sig Ep names, such as the senators, congressmen, governors, cabinet members, generals, industrial leaders, educators, and writers, through the pages, but that it is not proper to do this unless the "success stories" of the more ordinary fellows are told with equal enthusiasm and in greater number.

It is perhaps significant that the opening pages of the JOURNAL are devoted to a section of letters called "The Voice of the Fraternity"—and it is just that. The editor agrees with Thomas Jefferson that "differences of opinion are allowed to purify themselves in this happy country through free discussion."

This is another reason why Sigma Chi's editor thinks Sigma Phi Epsilon's editor is tops.

★ CLINICAL JOTTINGS ★

MERGERS. One of the largest fraternity mergers in history of the Greek-letter societies, that of Alpha Kappa Pi with Alpha Sigma Phi under the latter's name, was announced last September. Alpha Sigma Phi is reported as now having 51 chapters.

The only larger union was that of Theta Kappa Nu with Lambda Chi Alpha in 1939.

January 3-4 at Willamette University, Salem, Ore., three men's local societies became chapters of the Miami Triad: Sigma Tau of Sigma Chi, Alpha Psi Delta of Phi Delta Theta, and Kappa Sigma Rho of Beta Theta Pi.

COSTS. *National Costs of Fraternities* by H. Seger Slifer, Chi Psi, sets forth the results of a considerable amount of research on that subject. All fees paid to the national organization average only slightly over \$50. That figure consists of an average of the sum of initiation fee and dues for four years, the costs of national membership range from \$12 to \$90 as follows: members of one fraternity pay less than \$15; members of eight fraternities pay from \$16 to \$30; members of 10 fraternities pay from \$31 to \$45; members of 24 fraternities pay from \$46 to \$60; members of nine fraternities pay from \$61 to \$75; members of three fraternities pay over \$75.

Another tabulation shows the Percentage of the National Budget Paid by Undergraduates. In four fraternities undergraduates pay 100 percent of national costs. In 11 fraternities undergraduates pay 76 percent to 95 percent of these costs. In 20 fraternities undergraduates pay 51 percent to 75 percent of these costs. In six fraternities undergraduates pay 26 percent to 50 percent of these costs. In five fraternities undergraduates pay 25 percent or less of these costs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS. *The Fraternity Blast*, gossip and fact sheet concerning fraternities at the University of Texas, states in a recent issue: "Would like to put in two-cents' worth to compliment those groups who have initiated a policy of inviting profs, alums, religious leaders, friends, civic leaders, business men, etc., in for informal talk-fests. It's an excellent opportunity to know the big wheels and, of course, the valuable contacts and right publicity are of inestimable value."

HOW TO GO ABOUT IT. How does a college undergraduate go about getting a capable skilled, well-informed mind? Says A. Ray Warnock, Beta Theta Pi, Dean, Penn State College: "First off, he must have something to start with—but a young man would not be admitted to college unless he had something to start with. Young men who can pass college admission tests have minds adequate as foundations on which to build. Then must come the following: Developing, expanding, flowering; disci-



William M. Henderson, editor of Delta Kappa Epsilon's *Deke Quarterly*, recently succeeded Charles M. Kinsolving, resigned. *Banta's Greek Exchange* photo.

plining; acquiring knowledge, both general and special; and acquainting the mind with sources of information that may come in handy but need not be kept in stock.

"Under these four heads—though stated in other terminology by educators—fall most educational procedures, both formal and informal. Later on in life there will of course be added that weathering and seasoning of the mind that comes only with use and experience."

PERSONALIA. Frederic W. Goudy, 82, the world's foremost printing type face designer, and the College Fraternity Editor's Association sole honorary member, died in Marlborough, N.Y., on May 11, 1947.

New York's mayor, William O'Dwyer, is a member of Delta Theta Phi. . . . Horatio Alger, Jr., the noted nineteenth century writer of success stories for boys was a Harvard Psi Upsilon, making him a fraternity brother of Columbia's Nicholas Murray Butler who started at the top and never came down very much. . . . Thirteen members of Phi Gamma Delta have been governors of states. . . . Dartmouth College's oldest living alumnus is 98-year-old Charles G. Johnson, of Pasadena, Calif., a Beta. . . . The new president of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity is a college president, G. Herbert Smith, head of Willamette University, Salem, Ore. . . . Charles Trippi, college football's outstanding player of 1946, who has signed with the Chicago Cardinals for \$100,000 for four seasons of professional participation, is a Lambda Chi Alpha. . . . Ted Schroeder, hero of the Davis Cup win over Australia, is a Stanford University Phi Delta Theta.



California Alpha's spring barn dance without a barn. Note: the properties are authentic.



Informal party after house ball at North Carolina State, May 10. Story appears on page 66.

## On the Campus

### \* PICK OF THE PARTIES \*

THE current crop of Sig Ep goes out for parties and for social functions on a grand scale. Brothers learn the techniques of social entertainment in a way that the larger college dances would never permit them to. Smaller groups such as fraternity chapters afford, are more intimate, and close acquaintance is more readily possible. There is in evidence more compatibility of tastes, more consideration when all present are united by bonds of close friendship, and good times are had that are never forgotten.

The costume affairs encourage the partici-

pants to abandon the relatively formal everyday guise and enact the role of hoodlum, farm hand, cowboy, apache dancer, fireman, each of whom is expected to handle his feminine partner accordingly.

There is the sweetheart party and queen of hearts ball and the formal dinner dance which are conducive to romance of a dignified standard; then there is the let's-let-our-hair-down affair, such as the kiddie party and the Bowery Brawl, and lately swimming parties, at which the brothers frankly welcome seeing a bit more of the female limb divine than may be espied

Illinois Alpha on a pin serenade. The replica of the badge which is made of ply wood and burns kerosene soaked rags is used by many of the Sig Ep chapters. It is one of these "little extras" that add so much to the impressiveness of Illinois Alpha serenades.



**Jim Barratt and Mrs. Barratt enter Oregon Alpha's fireman's ball by way of the traditional, breath-taking slide.**

on the campus daily, the rascals!

Now and then, up comes something unique and ennobling such as a "Scholarship Ball." Steak and bean feeds are on the incline.

Of especial benefit in demonstrating to the public at large that there are fine character-building influences in chapter house life are the Greek Weeks and perhaps even more the Mothers' Weekends, to which come mothers from distant communities to enjoy the campus hospitality of their sons.

In the following items, all of these types of social events are represented, and more besides.

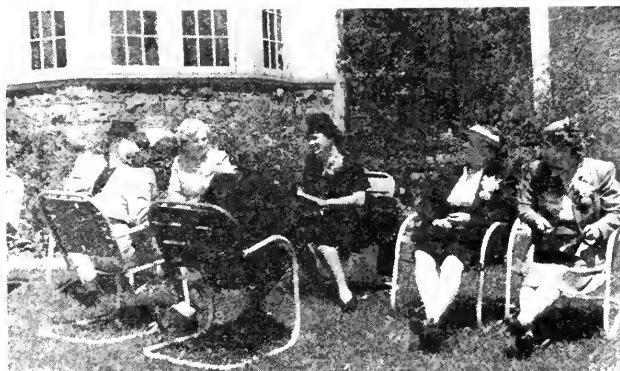
**CALIFORNIA:** The men of Berkeley pulled something unique last term. When the barn usually rented for the purpose of the term barn dances was not available, they made the house into a barn. Result: the formation of crowds in the streets, with 350 guests present. Some said it was the biggest thing that had ever happened to the university.

**CARROLL:** Spring Formal was held at Merrill Hills Country Club on May 23; dinner started at six-thirty o'clock. Cut-outs representing loving cups decorated the walls and fire-places. Each girl was presented with a brass loving cup as a favor. A formal dance followed the dinner with music by Ted Wayne and his orchestra.

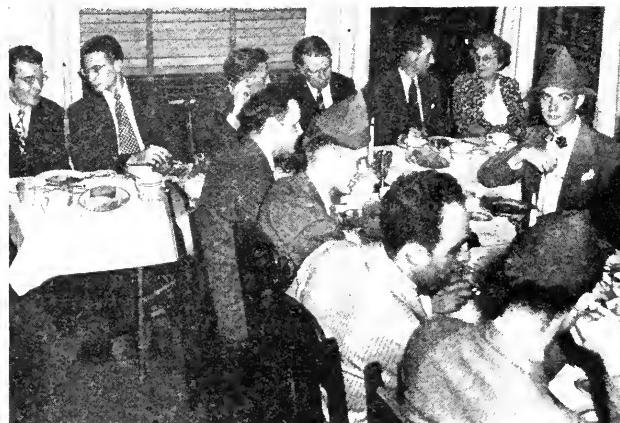
Highlight of the evening was the presentation of Miss Dorothy Miller, Beta Chi Theta, as 1947 "Sig Ep Sweetheart" of Wisconsin Gamma. Under the helpful guidance of John Berger twenty-five gifts from local merchants, along with a gift from the chapter, were collected and presented to her. The *Milwaukee Journal*, *Waukesha Freeman*, and the Waukesha Radio station, WAUX, announced the chosen "Sweetheart," and pictures of her were shown in the local business places. Wilbert Leys, Everett Hilliard, Richard and James Walters rendered four songs in the Old Barber Shop Style. The entire dance was under the watchful eye of Thomas Leonard. Many members, including Joseph Punttil, Charles Colman, and Harry Widman, helped to make the dance a success. Chaperons were Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Nanz, Mr. R. Christoph and Miss Virginia Sieger. Guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver.

**COLORADO A. & M.:** The Flower Dance was held May 17 at the chapter house; more than 150 couples attended. The walls of four adjoining rooms on the first floor of the house were completely covered with flowers. Into these flowers were woven the Sig Ep heart and other emblems and designs. The fireplace was converted into a wishing well. Loving cups were presented as favors.

Tennessee Alpha's ranch party. Note Indian maid at the extreme right.



Ohio State Sig Ep mothers exchange pleasantries at the annual Mothers' Day celebration at Columbus.



At Ohio State Sig Ep steak and bean dinner. The scholastic dunces got the beans.





Returning to pre-war practice, Baker Sig Eps continued tradition in holding their Golden Heart Ball (above), also the Pledge Picnic and Sweetheart Banquet.

DENVER: Colorado Alpha and Beta held a joint spring Formal dinner dance May 24, at the Shirley Savoy Hotel. It was preceded by a cocktail party in honor of the Colorado Beta men and their girls who have become engaged or have hung the Sig Ep heart during the past school year. About 70 couples attended.

May 19 marked the last open-house by the sororities for the school year; 15 Sig Eps attended the Alpha Gamma Delta dinner and presented the sorority with the new Sig Ep record album.

GEORGIA TECH: Before end of quarter a house party was held at Sky Lake near Gainesville, Ga. Approximately 45 members and dates attended, arriving Saturday afternoon for a weekend of boating, swimming, roasting under the sun at day, and freezing in the cold mountain air at night. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schreeder chaperoned.

Another outstanding party of last quarter was the "Mountaineer Party." Costumes included a dress made of flour sacks. The house was well decorated with hay on the floor and lanterns for light. For refreshment "Kickapoo Joy Juice" was good and potent.

ILLINOIS: Weekend of April 19 the chapter held its annual spring formal. It was Art Fairman's last dance, and he did a splendid job in the way of creative decorations.

The weekend of April 25 saw the return of many Illinois Alpha's outstanding men to relive for at least a short time those days which were so full of special memories. Most of the weekend was spent in bull sessions but Saturday evening the official banquet was held at the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel, under the management of Bud Herron, '25. During the evening Ray Geebel, '29, presented Shelby Himes, '23, with a scroll for distinguished service rendered to the chapter; Coleman Griffith read a resolution prepared for the late Professor Tommy Oliver,

longtime chapter adviser; and Coach Ray Elliott entertained with pictures of the Rose Bowl game and sidelights on the past football season.

The following weekend, Illinois Alpha entertained that very special person—"Mom." A tea was held at the chapter house on Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Lester Mapes of Ogden, Ill., and president of the Mothers' Club, pouring. On Sunday the Mothers' Day banquet was held.

IOWA: Spring Formal on April 25 was a dinner dance at the Hotel Jefferson, called the "Queen of Hearts Ball." Highlight of the evening was the selection of Didi Stratton, Gamma Phi Beta, as Sig Ep Sweetheart of 1946-47.

IOWA WESLEYAN: The social highlight of the year was our annual Spring Formal on May 3. The traditional Sig Ep Sweetheart theme was utilized, aided, and abetted by the presentation of a mother's pin to our house-mother, Mother Boss, and the crowning of Carolyn Hannon, Park Ridge, Ill., as Sig Ep Sweetheart.

MICHIGAN: Social Chairman Bob Pear prepared a successful pledge formal at the Washington Country Club on April 26. Fine food, beautiful decorations conceived by the pledges, the music of Brother "Corky" Kuivinen and his Revelers achieved a terrific blend.

At another time, picture eight dashing Sig Eps in full Wild West regalia on charging steeds and you will see how the chapter launched an entertaining party. These caballeros personally delivered the invitations to the co-eds and were met everywhere with enthusiastic approval. The theme of the party was "Wild West" and the house was decorated to portray the oldtime saloons. The winning couple in the costume contest were towed home in an authentic-looking prairie-schooner by the pledges.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE: On June 6, a gala weekend centered on the annual Interfraternity Council Dance. A swimming party was held in conjunction with another fraternity, at a nearby lake, the plans for the affair being directed by



Alumni relax on front porch of Colorado Gamma house during chapter flower dance.

Ira K. Davis, Bill Boney, and the social functions committee.

Annual Sig Ep Ball was held on May 10 in honor of the alumni. Hunt Gwyn and Montgomery Steele were co-chairmen of the dance committee. The college gym was decorated with streamers issuing from a 16-foot replica of the pin, built by J. Frank King, and mounted in the center of the ceiling. After the dance, an informal party was held in the house.

During the weekend of the Ball, a meeting of the Sigma Phi Epsilon House Corporation of Raleigh was held with approximately 40 of the alumni. The corporation was founded this year under the leadership of James H. Barnhardt, of Charlotte, and R. D. Beam, of Raleigh.

**OHIO NORTHERN:** Spring Formal on May 16 was held in Beatleys Hotel at Indian Lake, Ohio.

Social calendar for summer: a Kiddie Party and a dance. Shorts will dominate attire for the Kiddie Party. And a semi-formal house dance late July. Also planned are swimming parties and picnics.

**OHIO STATE:** A Steak and Bean dinner went off as planned with Dr. Stradley, vice-president of the University, addressing the group of happy, and the not-so-happy fellows wearing dunce caps and eating beans. Claire Beighley was awarded the active scholarship cup while Robert Humphrey won the honors for the pledges.

Ohio Gamma joined four other fraternities in what is comparatively new at Ohio State, a street dance. The street was blocked off from traffic and the cobblestone street made slick with Borax powder. Jimmy Joyce supplied the music.

Another successful affair was a German dance in the house. A number of fellows got together and formed a German street band.

Mothers' Day was celebrated in the traditional manner of turning the house over to the mothers and the fellows finding rooms elsewhere. The fellows cooked breakfast for their



Donald R. White, Colorado Beta, and Patsy Frazee, at the Golden Hearts Ball, Denver.

mothers on Sunday morning and later all attended church services in a group. This has been tradition here for some 14 years excluding the war years when it was impossible to carry on.

The Sweetheart Formal was held at the University Country Club. A Sweetheart Cup was awarded to Nancy Ruff who was escorted by Kenneth Leonard. Many alumni attended.

**OHIO WESLEYAN:** An Easter party and breakfast, well attended, were followed by the spring formal, "Hearts and Flowers." These, plus numerous date nights and impromptu parties, added fun to the grind of classes and general college work.

**OREGON:** Gorgeous Alpha Chi Omega girls graced the chapter's spacious backyard one June Saturday afternoon in a friendly exchange picnic, which began shortly after noon and featured a wonderful feed and a softball game which, believe it or not, the Alpha Chis won.

**OREGON STATE:** The 1947 version of the annual Fireman's Ball featured a slide, higher, steeper, faster than ever, by which pajama-clad guests entered the house.

Mothers' Weekend, May 10 and 11, the chapter was host to Sig Ep moms from all parts of the state. Many of them stayed in the chapter house, enjoying an introduction to fraternity life, as their sons live it.

**PENNSYLVANIA:** The annual spring formal was held April 26 at the house. Planned by Social Chairman Earl Brown, decorations were by Jack Vogdes and Sherman Maps. Intermission was made delightful by Mattie's delicious sandwiches and cake.

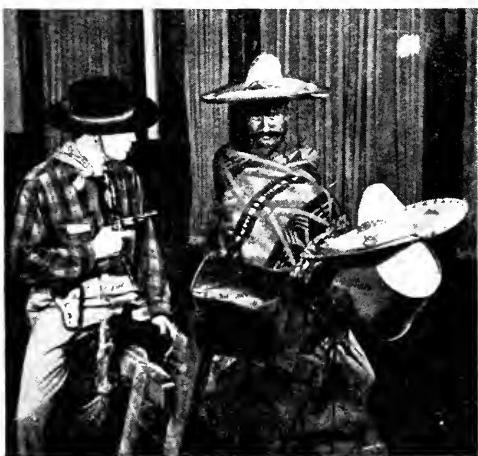
**PURDUE:** Indiana Alpha returned the hospitality shown its initiation team by Indiana Beta at Bloomington in March. The whole Beta chapter was at West Lafayette the first weekend in May for a Friday night beer party and a "Honeymoon Dance" on Saturday. Accomplished was the almost impossible task of get-



Queen of the Iowa Sig Eps, Didi Stratton, Gamma Phi Beta, poses with Riemenschneider, Francies, Naramore, Niles, and Watkins—in the usual order.



Penn State Sig Ep social activities included an informal balloon dance (above) as well as party for Alpha Omega Pi, and two picnics at Whipple's Dam, the summer stamping grounds of Penn State students.



Jim McDonald pulls a gun on Jack Monteith at Michigan Alpha's real Wild West Party.

A scene at California Beta's spring formal at Santa Barbara. Left to right: Bob Nuccio, Dave Graf, Jack De Mots, Rex Reno, and their dates.



ting 48 dance dates for the guests. (The ratio at Purdue is 5.48 to one.)

Two other dances, one a pledge dance under Joe Bell's chairmanship, and the "Farm Frolic," an annual semester wind-up, were held. The pledge dance transformed the house into a wild Western saloon filled with cowboys and their gals. Bob Koelsch turned out a Farm Frolic featuring a fenced-in yard with everything from a chicken coop with live chickens to a "Chick Sales" restroom. Seventy-five couples from other houses on campus attended.

Buzz Haeger has transformed the chapter's collection of voices into a glee club of some talent. One of the sororities, after the last serenade, sent a note saying, "The finest serenade we have ever heard."

**RENSSELAER:** A pre-Soiree dance was held May 16 to celebrate completion of the dining hall. Len Dunk, social chairman, contacted Esquire Magazine and featured an Esquire dance: "Esky struck it rich at R.P.I."

The following weekend New York Delta celebrated its twentieth anniversary with a banquet and dance which was attended by a record number of alumni and visitors, including: Ted Wenzle, Leigh Townley, Doc Doty, Ed Grant, Wes Millard, Wally Rudd, Art Green, Elbert Van Houten, Pete Harmon, Ed Kolb, Harry Jaecker, Web Morgan, Byron Forster, Ed Miller, Jim Bundy, Leon Ostetee, Ted Dolinski, and Mike Brennan.

**TENNESSEE:** The annual Frontier Brawl, on May 3, 1947, was stocked by a covered wagon constantly going from dorm to dorm picking up the dates clad in typical frontier costumes; over 200 attended. The 1947 Sig Ep Frontier gal was chosen out of eight who competed in

beauty, costume, calf roping, milking, and pig catching. Dot Gracey, Tri-Delt, won the majority of the contests and was made 1947 frontier gal. Entertainment was given by a hillbilly band and also a group of Sig Ep "Can Can" girls. Pledge Bill Towels sang several western tunes.

**TEXAS:** Noteworthy functions included the Valentine Day Formal, the Round-Up Party, the County Fair Party, the Spring Picnic, and a beer bust for graduating seniors, Frank Friauf, George Bailey, Jack Osmond, and Herb Brewer.

**WAKE FOREST:** Spring dance was held in the Washington-Duke Hotel, Durham, May 10. The Beta Gamma Chapter of Gamma Eta Gamma, legal fraternity, joined in. Separate banquets were held, after which all joined in dancing. New officers were formally installed at the banquet and speeches were made by Adviser H. B. Jones and Alumni Treasurer Bedford Black. Music was furnished by Bill Minter and his orchestra. Dates were given beautiful, gold Elgin compacts with  $\Sigma\Phi\epsilon$  engraved in the center of the top. *Esquire* magazine furnished blowups and invitations folders, which were miniature of the *Esquire* cover, for the dance, which made a unique arrangement. Sponsors were: Edith Adams with Ney Lynch; Ruth Wood with Robert Walden; Mrs. Hank Lougee with Hank Lougee; and Julia Johnston with Gordon Cherry.

**WASHINGTON STATE:** Sig Eps enjoyed hotdogs and potato salad at a May house picnic held at Lake Chocoleet in Idaho; 25 couples motored the 75 miles to attend.

**WORCESTER TECH:** Social Chairman Robert Smith, assisted by Clifton Nickerson and Malcolm Horton, staged several record dances to which the various fraternities were invited.

The annual pledge dance was held April 13. On May 10, with TKP and TX, the chapter held a splash party in the school gym where the couples had basketball, volleyball, and bowling in addition to swimming.

On May 18 a hike-picnic was held at Mt. Monadnock in New Hampshire, with 24 couples attending. A late afternoon rain storm caught several members and their dates at the top of the mountain.

Junior Prom took place June 6, with about 35 Sig Ep couples attending. The following day witnessed the annual freshman-sophomore rope pull (a draw this year, as the rope broke three times) across Institute Pond, and Tech's last baseball game of the season in which Tech beat Fort Devens 5-1. That night the *Masque* presented "The Male Animal," after which the couples took part in the customary Round Robin Dance at the various houses.

**WYOMING:** The Queen of Hearts Ball was held in the union ballroom which was decorated by trellises, covered with artificial flowers, and at one end a garden. Dorothy Vanek, of Omaha,



New York Delta chow-hounds look on hungrily as Past president Harry Beshtgeororian plays chef at the annual barbecue. Girls are hungry.

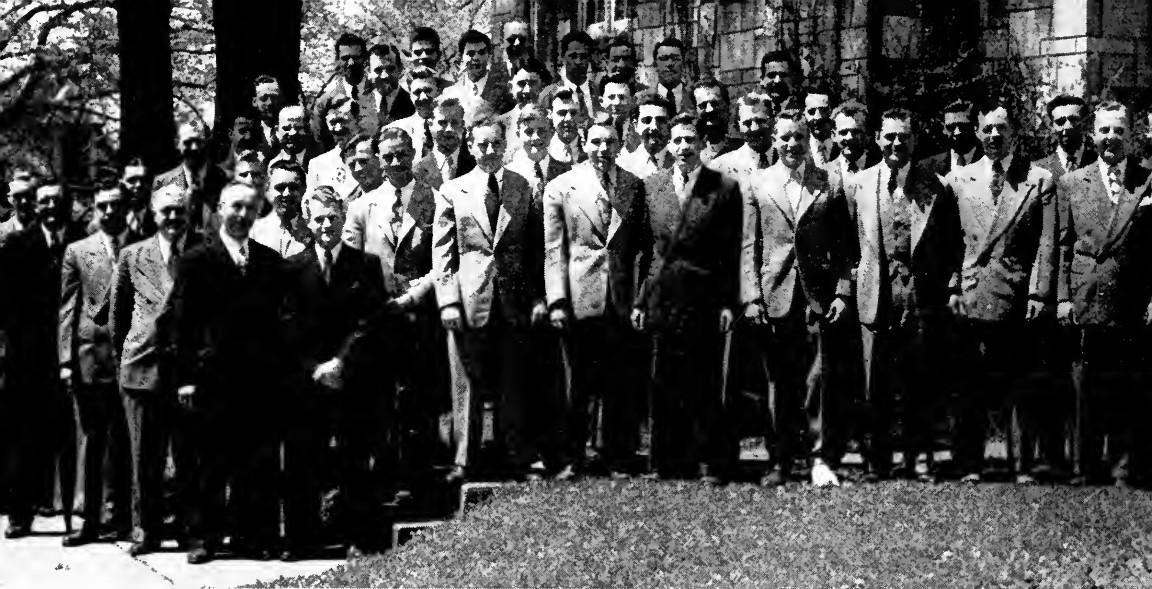
Neb., was elected queen and presented with a bouquet of roses and a Sig Ep sweetheart badge.



Among the twenty-five couples at Washington State lake picnic in Idaho—an annual affair.

Indiana Alpha's farm frolic featured all the appurtenances of rural life including chicks.





Delegates to the District XX Convention at Iowa Gamma house, May 11, 1947 . . . At the left are Alumni Stan Dunn, Iowa Beta; and Mike Mitvalsky, Ed Ford, James Franken, Bob Cherry, Joe Trocino, David Armbruster of Iowa Gamma; and E. E. Axthelm, District Governor. The others are active delegates of Alpha, Beta, and Gamma—pick 'em out.

## \* THE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS \*

### New England Not Up to Snuff

DISTRICT I CONVENTION, heading the list as it does, should have set a somewhat better example in this first real postwar year of fraternity operation. In a thickly populated section where distances are not great, there should have been no paucity of delegates from the chapters of the district; namely, Norwich, Middlebury, Massachusetts State, Worcester Tech, and Dartmouth. Though Worcester Tech was an excellent host chapter, only two delegates showed up from Norwich, two from Middlebury, and none whatever from Massachusetts State or Dartmouth.

The meeting was held April 18, 19, and 20, and was attended by District Governor Milton Egan, Field Secretary Ted Bush, Assistant Alumni Treasurer of Massachusetts Beta T. L. Sanderson, Vermont Alphans Edward C. Donahue and Edward Yelle and Vermont Betans Robert H. Hoagland and Donald B. Simon.

The following exhibits were arranged in the basement game room: Souvenirs, maps, diary, minutes, etc., of trip to and attendance at 1940 Conclave of the Golden West; JOURNAL covers for past ten years; display of pictures of Sig Ep chapter houses; display of *Deltaurian* (Mass. Beta chapter paper) from 1910 to date; examples of method of writing, making up, mailing, etc. of *Deltaurian*.

### Eastern Penn Division

Pennsylvania Delta was co-host with Pennsylvania Mu (Temple University) to the District III Convention May 8, 9, and 10. Problems of rushing, pledge training, chapter papers, active-alumni relations and chapter finances were discussed in the business meetings. Highlight of the convention was the banquet and dance Saturday evening. Speakers at the banquet included Grand Guard Charles S. Thompson, Field Secretary Ray McCron, Temple Alumni Secretary Raymond Burkley and Pennsylvania Alumni secretary-treasurer Charles R. Hilton. A formal initiation was held before the final meeting of the convention Sunday.

Chapters represented were Delaware Alpha, Maryland Alpha, Pennsylvania Delta, Pennsylvania Epsilon, Pennsylvania Iota, and Pennsylvania Mu.

### Busy Meeting at Champaign

District Governor J. Russell Pratt, Michigan Alpha, '39, called the meeting of seven mid-western active chapters at the Illinois Alpha house, Champaign, Ill., on April 12 and 13. Illinois Alpha, Indiana Alpha, Indiana Beta, Ohio Alpha, Ohio Gamma, Ohio Epsilon, and Michigan Alpha were represented. Robert Pitt represented the Chicago Alumni Chapter, while Frank Ruck attended on behalf of the C.O.

Papers which sparked the discussion were the

following: Pledge training, by Kenneth E. Pickens, Illinois Alpha; rushing and pledging, by Donald Lessig, Michigan Alpha; requisites of a good fraternity man, by Richard E. Garrett, Indiana Beta, and Henry Tunny, Ohio Epsilon; Greek Week, by W. E. Van Horne, Indiana Alpha; duties of officers, by William Reitzer, Michigan Alpha; chapter house management, by E. G. Dueringer, president of the Illinois Alpha alumni, and Herbert Smith, treasurer of the Illinois Alpha alumni.

Also the fraternity and the university, by Edward J. Smith, faculty adviser of Illinois Alpha, and Robert Pear, Michigan Alpha; and central office location, by A. C. Burns, Ohio Alpha.

Illinois Alpha played the part of a very good host. All delegates were made very welcome, and furnished with dates if desired or some other entertainment for the Saturday night. Saturday night was topped off with a serenade of Gamma Phi Beta, Chi Omega, and The Pi Phi's. The men grouped around a large heart with tin cans in the pearl positions. These tin cans were stuffed with waste and filled with kerosene and then ignited. Thus the flaming heart made a fine setting for the serenade.

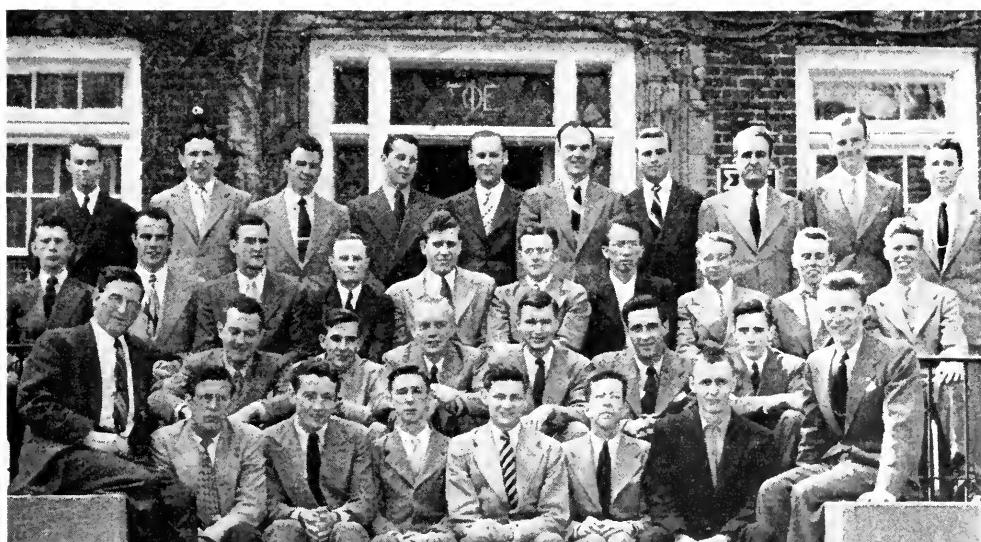
*Rushing and Pledging.* Most chapters still experience the peculiar condition of having more men than they can house. Therefore they are

at a loss to know how many men they should pledge. Emphasis was placed on the fact that the chapter membership should be balanced according to class to avoid having a majority of the chapter graduate in any one year. Pledging is still no problem, but rather the problem is the selection of the best men.

*Pledge Training.* The paddle is fast becoming a symbol rather than a tool used in pledge training. The trend seems to be toward some point system as a means of controlling and measuring pledges. Many chapters have discontinued the use of the paddle entirely while others use it sparingly with a point system. Pledge training in most chapters can be divided into two phases: one, the periods of constructive training in the pledge meetings where the *Manual* along with local chapter history is used as a text; the second phase being work around the chapter house, this to replace the foolish hazing of former years.

*Requisites of a Good Fraternity Man.* Dick Garrett used a balance sheet of debits and credits as an analogy to show that the good fraternity man must be congenial, friendly, and enjoy the personal association that one gets by living in a fraternity house. He must be willing to accept the responsibilities that go with membership in a fraternity, willing to work for the fraternity and participate in all chapter

Representatives of Districts IX and X meet at Illinois Alpha for annual District Convention. Presiding over the meetings were Russ Pratt, District Governor, and Frank Ruck, Field Secretary (third row center) . . . Front row, left to right: Bob Pitt, Minnesota Alpha; president, Chicago Alumni Chapter Al Kiester, Illinois Alpha; John Ridgeway, Ohio Alpha; Preston Gerton, Ohio Alpha; James Poynter, Indiana Beta; Robert Carroll, Indiana Beta; Jack Notman, Ohio Gamma; Less Fleck, Indiana Beta. Second row: Robert Pear, Michigan Alpha; Norm Sebastian, Illinois Alpha; W. E. Van Horne, Indiana Alpha; Phil Kretz, Illinois Alpha; Dick Anderson, Indiana Alpha. Third row: Ralph Pollock, Ohio Alpha; Bill Reitzer, Michigan Alpha; Chet Burns, Ohio Alpha; Ned Smith, Illinois Alpha; Russ Pratt, District Governor; Ken Pickens, Illinois Alpha; Richard Garrett, Indiana Beta; Bill Heim, Ohio Gamma; Kenneth Leonard, Ohio Gamma. Top row: Don Lessig, Michigan Alpha; Ted Kendrick, Illinois Alpha; Duke Dosier, Michigan Alpha; Art Spurrier, Ohio Epsilon; Harry Nest, Ohio Epsilon; Dick Summ, Ohio Epsilon; Clyde Baines, Ohio Epsilon; William Gunn, Ohio Gamma; William Reisner, Indiana Beta; Phil Ness, Indiana Beta.



functions. Also he must conduct himself at all times at the high level of a fraternity man.

Delegates: *Illinois Alpha*—E. J. Smith, E. G. Dueringer, Herbert Smith, Kenneth E. Pickens, Al Kiester, Ted Kendrick, Norm Sebastian. *Indiana Alpha*—Prof. D. S. Clark, W. E. Van Horne, T. R. Sutter, Don Smith, Dick Anderson. *Indiana Beta*—J. H. Poynter, Richard E. Garrett, Robert L. Carroll, William E. Reimer, Philip J. Ness. *Ohio Alpha*—A. C. Burns, Preston Girton, John Ridgway, Ralph E. Pollock. *Ohio Gamma*—William G. Heim, William Gunn, Jack Notman, Kenneth E. H. Leonard. *Ohio Epsilon*—Richard Hum, Clyde Baines, Harry Nest, Arthur Spurrier. *Michigan Alpha*—William Reitzer, Donald Lessig, Maurice Dosier, Robert Pear. *Chicago Alumni Chapter*—Robert Pitt.

### Oklahoma's First

District XIV convention was held May 2, 3, and 4 in a conference room of Oklahoma U.'s Union Building. District Governor Thompson G. Sexton, Oklahoma Alpha, presided.

Oklahoma Beta was the host chapter and delegates from the other three district member chapters were present; Texas Alpha, Oklahoma Alpha, Oklahoma Gamma.

This was Oklahoma Beta's first district convention.

### Seminar in the Rockies

District XV Convention was held at Boulder, Colo., April 19-20. The meeting was called to order by District Governor William C. Smolenske who introduced Grand President Robert L. Ryan.

Dr. Smolenske gave a short talk on the purpose of the Convention. He said the convention was a time of consulting together. We should HEAR—THINK—DISCUSS—LEARN. Some values of this convention: FELLOWSHIP AND COMRADESHIP. Reading papers and discussing them will broaden knowledge. Enthusiasm must be carried to the fellows back home.

Harold Hoak, delegate from Colorado Delta, was called upon to give his paper on "Rushing and Pledging." He told of the pledging ceremony, mock initiation and Hell week as practiced at Colorado Delta. He reported that the paddle is still used to a small extent.

Robert L. Ryan brought out the fact that a chapter's goal should, at least, be as high as that of any other fraternity. He said that all letters from the Alumni regarding prospective rushees should be answered. Another fact that he brought out is that Hell Week should be continued, but called by another name. The activities in regard to that week should be restricted to the chapter house.

Albert Weese, Colorado Alpha gave a re-

port on "Pledge Training" as practiced by his chapter. Periodic quizzes are given to ascertain pledge progress. Art of being a gentleman is stressed. The importance of studying is emphasized and a study table is maintained for those pledges whose grades are poor. All grievances of the pledges are handled through the pledge driver. Daily house-cleaning duties are assigned to each pledge. Each is assigned a pledge-father.

Robert L. Ryan explained the candlelight service for the correction of delinquent pledges. He also stressed the importance of getting pledges into campus activities.

Robert Walters, New Mexico Alpha, gave a paper on "The Requisites of a Good Fraternity Man." Scholastic ability, personality, tolerance, leadership and high moral values were among the points stressed. A fraternity can be very helpful in molding a man's personality and character. The importance of getting a variety of personality types into the chapter was pointed out.

Gus Fleischli, Wyoming Alpha, read a paper on "Chapter House Management and Administration." His chapter rents a house from the University. Each man pays fifty dollars per month for board and room. House has accommodations for only 20 men. The duties of the Comptroller should be: to be in charge of the house financial affairs; to be in charge of buying of all large quantities of food; to take charge of the kitchen personnel and see that the house is kept in good general repair.

Paul Denes, Colorado Beta, read a paper on "Active and Alumni Relations." He said that good active and alumni relations can do much for the improvement of a chapter. A good way for the actives and alumni to get together is to have frequent activities together. Colorado Beta publishes a paper which is sent to Alumni. This does a great deal to cement active and alumni relations.

Hugo Stuckenschneider, Colorado Gamma, read a paper on "The Successful Financing of a Chapter." His chapter uses the Purdue plan. Under this the budget is figured out for a year in advance and from this the monthly budget is figured. The Colorado Gamma monthly budget is \$1400 a month for fifty men. If one man is delinquent in paying his house bill the other forty-nine men must still pay the \$1400 a month, in this way, each man sees to it that every other man pays his house bill. His chapter saves up to ten cents a pound on its meat purchases by buying large quantities and keeping it in a frozen food locker. Their budget is worked out by the Alumni Board and they also help them in all other financial affairs.

Brother Ryan gave a talk on "Post-War Problems." He voiced the opinion that rather than having a problem, we are having a



District XV (mostly Colorado) Convention assembled.

"Golden Era" for Fraternities. The recent war did a great deal to convince men that fraternal organizations were a good thing. One postwar difficulty that all fraternities have is that problem of obtaining property. No chapter should make financial commitments just in order to get a house; this could mean the downfall of the Fraternity later on.

Another problem is moral adjustment, moral degradation follows all wars and the recent war is no exception. Fraternity men should set a high example for their generation.

Dr. Smolenske gave a short talk on "Internal Dissensions." He stressed the fact that cliques within the Fraternity should not be formed since all of the members are as one big family. Internal dissension would have a bad effect on any organization. Older men should welcome younger men into their Brotherhood rather than feeling aloof towards them. Young men can benefit a great deal from the companionship of the older members.

The banquet was held at the Wayne Cafe at 7:00 P.M. Sixty were present to partake of a fine turkey dinner. Toastmaster Brother Thomas Walker introduced the men at the head table and also present House mother Mrs. Elvira Gray, who was a guest of honor for the occasion. Brother Ryan gave an address on the activities of the Grand Chapter. Songs were sung. Members of Colorado Beta sang "Sig Ep Heart," words and music by Milton L. Yeats, Florida Alpha.

SUNDAY. Robert Choate, Utah Alpha, read a paper on "Fraternity Ideals." He pointed out that a good fraternity man should be known as a friendly person on the campus. A man's manners, appearance, morals, and habits should be in harmony with the ideals of the Fraternity. It is up to the actives to instill the ideals of the Fraternity in the pledges. The Fraternity's attitude toward other fraternities should be one of friendly competition. If a man does his best to live up to the ideals of the Fraternity it will do much towards making him a better citizen. Before a man is pledged into the Fraternity, his character, personality, and possibilities of his being a good Fraternity man should be considered.

Colorado Alpha initiated Frank Davidson; Colorado Delta initiated Arthur Erickson.

Wyoming Alpha extended a formal invitation to hold the 1948 Convention at Laramie, which was accepted.

Brother Ryan awarded a record album to Wyoming Alpha as the most progressive chapter in District XV. He also awarded an album to Colorado Alpha on behalf of the other Chapters in appreciation for acting as host to the convention.

Motion by Robert Bosco, Colorado Delta, seconded by Kenneth Horrell: "That the official delegates from District XV in Convention, April 20, 1947, at Boulder, Colo., take the stand that the National Headquarters be moved to the Midwest." Motion was carried unanimously.

Attendance record: Colorado Alpha, 29; Colorado Beta, 12; Colorado Delta, 4; Colorado Gamma, 4; New Mexico Alpha, 4; Wyoming Alpha, 7; Utah Alpha, 1; Washington Alpha, 1; Iowa Gamma, 1; Grand President, Ryan, 1; District Governor, Smolenske, 1; total, 65.

-HAROLD A. CROFT

### Good Points at Lawrence

The meeting of the Fraternity's District XIII on April 26 and 27, embracing the chapters at Baker, Kansas State, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri, was opened by District Governor R. M. Sears, Kansas Beta. The high point was an address by former national president Earle W. Frost, Kansas Beta.

The meeting was called to order by Don Johnson, president of Kansas Gamma at 10:30 A.M., April 26, 1947. The roll was called by the convention secretary of those registered for the convention.

The following were present:

Nebraska Alpha: Walt Dorothy, (vice-president), John W. Greene, Ralph W. Sears, F. W. Cornelius, Jr., Ernest Luther (comptroller), R. Keith Jobes.

Kansas Alpha: Kenneth Kitchen (president), Bill Beck, John Beard, Ralph Sellmeyer, Arthur Nevins, Jr.

Kansas Beta: Harold Hines (president), John



Delegates and guests at District XVIII Convention, May 9 and 10, at which California Beta was host chapter; bottom row, left to right: Bud Wilson, California Gamma; John P. Davis, Jr., president of California Beta; Bruce Dunwoody, California Alpha; Willard Reece, California Gamma; Calvin Dunbar, California Alpha. Top row: Ted Bailey, president of California Alpha; Paul Slater, District Governor; Ken Linder, California Gamma; Doctor Zech, IFC co-ordinator at U.S.C.; Dean William Ashworth, New Hampshire Alpha and dean of lower division men at Santa Barbara; Bob Zeller, California Alpha.

P. Gard, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Al Praeger, Merrill Werts, Russell C. Duncan, Howard Soice, Donald Bickle, Darrell B. Cowell.

Kansas Gamma: Don Johnson (president), Jean Fisher, Eugene Bullinger, Bob Swenson, Gene Ryan, Bill Burt (comptroller), Donald E. Wind, Jack Moorhead, Bill Ogg.

The meeting was turned over to R. M. Sears, District Governor, who formally opened the convention and expressed the purposes of the 1947 meeting.

Bill Beck, Kansas Alpha, spoke on rushing. He viewed rushing as a pin ball machine. Skill is the secret of rushing. Necessary contacts in rushing are: phone, mail, and personal, as the first contact. The second contact an arrangement for a meeting should be made. Appoint rushers to make rushee welcome by special attention. First invitation, dinner at the house; second invitation, dinner and evening during which talks are given by the best rushers. With the full consent of rushee procedure for pledging can take place. Next the ceremony of pledging; as a rebuttal convince him the house is his and that he is a part of all the new surroundings.

Floyd Cornelius, Nebraska Alpha, gave a short talk on "Pledge Training." He explained the merit system used by Nebraska Alpha.

Al Praeger, Kansas Beta, in his talk on chapter financing said that the Sig Ep system of finance is the most sound.

John Beard, Kansas Alpha, in his talk on "Duties of the Officers and Internal Dissension," said that the difference of policies should be discussed in an open meeting. Keep all such

differences inside of the house. Personal differences should be settled privately. Constructive criticism is a good idea.

Jean Fisher, Kansas Gamma, spoke on "Requisites of a Good Fraternity Man." Each man must make a contribution in his own way, he said. Each man must possess the following: (1) ability—good scholastic ability, (2) attitude—interest, able to accept responsibility, able to think. Fraternity success is like a rock on a cliff. Needs to be pushed in some way or the other. All success falls back on leadership.

Darrell B. Cowell, Kansas Beta, spoke on "Chapter Newsletter and Building Alumni Interest," stressing the value of keeping interest up by newsletter. Keep file on alumni up to date. Newsletter should contain: prominent alumni feature story, chapter activities, and pictures.

Dean Werner, Dean of Student Affairs at Kansas, spoke on "University Association with Sororities and Fraternities." High points: Fraternities and sororities are a part of university activities as well as an integral part of the University. The campus is faced with a growing dislike of fraternities. "They have been a tremendous power of good but have not always been a power for good!" Fraternities have fallen back down in teaching the concepts of beauty which a university cannot teach in their belt line of production of students.

Kenneth Kitchen, Kansas Alpha, in a talk on "Chapter House Management" said that action is necessary for low scholastic averages and unpaid house bills.

Ernest Luther, Nebraska Alpha, in his talk on "Study and Scholarship" said that Nebraska Alpha's scholarship system was explained. Rules of study are drawn up by the scholarship committee. Results of a quiz file and library. Duties of pledge father.

Gene Ryan, Kansas Gamma, gave a short talk on "Veteran Re-adjustment." High points: A negative approach on subject—no distinction made between veterans and non-veterans. More discretion in pledge punishments.

Walt Dorothy, Nebraska Alpha, gave a short talk on "Social Program."

On the day following Nebraska Alpha extended an invitation to the 1948 convention which was accepted.

Hugh Kirkpatrick, Kansas Beta, gave a short talk on "Fraternity Ideals or the Fraternity after graduation." High points: The fraternity develops leadership, responsibility, friendship, character, judgment and self-confidence; as well as teaching one to live together with a group.

The convention was officially closed by a dinner at which the guest speaker was Judge Earle W. Frost of Kansas City, the former Grand President.

—ERNEST EUGENE BULLINGER



District Governor Paul B. Slater, California Beta, opens District XVIII Convention at California Beta on May 9, 1947. Beta's proxy John Davis at Slater's right.

### **In the Northwest**

District XVII's convention was held May 10-11 at the University of Washington, with Oregon Alpha and Oregon Beta attending under the supervision of H. B. Robinson, District Governor. The Oregon men were: Don Kay, Bob Chaney, Bud Smith, and Jack McMahn, and the Oregon State boys were: Hal Firestone, Bob Lawrence, Paul Lee, Gene Empey, T. C. Strawford, and Al Gilbert. Discussions were held on rushing and pledging, pledgeship, house chapter management, and campus fraternalism.

Following the morning discussions, Hal Firestone and others of Oregon Alpha initiated these Washington Beta men: Chuck Endahl, Spokane; John Fogle, Bandon, Ore.; Bruce McKay, Medford, Ore.; Bill Denney, Kent; Bob Jensen, Enumclaw; Harlan Rugg, Kent; Jim Mergens, Kent; Wayne Burnett, Enumclaw; Ken Cahail, Kent; Emmett Miller, Tacoma; and Don Seefried, Leavenworth. In the evening, there was a banquet for the initiates put on by the alumni. Sunday morning climaxed the meeting with a roundtable discussion of fraternity policy.

### **Discussions in Los Angeles**

Highlighted by the attendance of three members of Santa Barbara College's petitioning fraternity, Sigma Epsilon, and their faculty advisor, Dean William Ashworth, New Hampshire Alpha, District XVIII's annual convention held at the California Beta chapter house in Los Angeles, May 9 and 10, was even more successful than the 1946 meeting. Delegates were aware they were contributing to the Sig Ep education of a neophyte chapter, and the discussions were well handled.

The convention proper got under way at

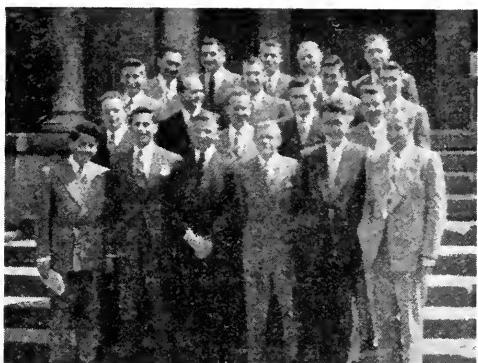
10 o'clock Friday morning with discussions of "Rushing and Pledging" presented by Gil Ferguson, California Beta, and Cal Dunbar, California Alpha, followed at 11:00 by "Pledge Training" led by Bruce Dunwoody, California Alpha, and Wes Gardner, California Beta.

Beginning the afternoon session a worthwhile talk on "How the Fraternity Can Improve Scholarship" was given by Dr. Albert Zech, assistant dean of men and fraternity co-ordinator at the University of Southern California. Keith Robinette, California Beta, presented a paper on the "Duties of Officers," which was another subject selected for more time at the 1948 convention. Ted Bailey, president of California Alpha, and Jack DeMotts, California Beta, led the discussion of "Successful Financing of the Chapter." "The Fraternity After Graduation" was the subject of Carl Hansen, president of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter, in which his theme was that Sig Ep is not just a four-year fraternity, but that the fraternity after graduation can be just as enjoyable and is just as real as that known by the active chapters.

Taking a hint from New Mexico Alpha's

Men at the 13th District Convention pose for a photo . . . Past Grand President Earle W. Frost, Kansas Beta, and his chapter brother, R. M. Sears, District Governor, stand in front, left to right.





The Oregon-Washington group at Convention.

paper on "Requisites of a Good Fraternity Man," given at the District XV convention in April, California Beta president John Davis presented an analysis of the good fraternity man that had been prepared from twenty-two papers written by California Beta pledges.

Grand President Bob Ryan, being a Los Angeles man, was on hand for most of the sessions, and on Saturday morning addressed the convention on "Fraternity Ideals." After the usual business sessions, California Beta as the host chapter staged a model initiation. The closing attraction of the week-end was the annual California-Southern California track meet, held in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Topics suggested for next spring's convention included the veteran problem, since many felt it was not yet a dead issue; public relations, particularly in regard to improving the general public's understanding of national college fraternities; the duties of officers and the segregation of duties; and the pledge-active status, which discussion might well fit in with that of the veteran problem.



"Only a fragment of those present," says reporter of this District IV Convention group.

### Iowa Chapters

Agreeable to an ancient custom in all regular and well-governed Sig Ep Districts, the annual conclave of the three Iowa chapters assembled in the lounges of the Gamma chapter house at the crack of dawn (or considerably thereafter) on the morning of Saturday, May 10, 1947. Under the guiding hand of District Governor E. E. Axthelm, the Alpha, Beta, and Gamma delegations were immediately welded into a working unit which proceeded to the work at hand—a thorough discussion of the problems facing today's fraternities.

The address of welcome was given by Duane Francies, Iowa Gamma President at 9:00 A.M. Saturday and thereafter the sessions were led by Governor Axthelm. Speakers during the day were: Walt Hammond, President of Iowa Beta . . . Rushing and Constructive Pledge Training; Cecil Turner, Iowa Gamma . . . Social Relationships; Ed Naramore, Vice-President of Iowa Gamma . . . House Management During Inflation; Jack Connel, Iowa Alpha . . . Alumni Relationships; E. E. Axthelm, District Governor . . . Chapter Problems.

The evening banquet, presided over by Duane Francies, President of Iowa Gamma, was enhanced by an address by Graham Marshall, University's Fraternity Business Service, who gave an inspiring talk on the purposes of a fraternity. The second speaker of the evening was Dick Nazette, Cedar Rapids attorney, who demonstrated his talent of fusing a serious talk with one continuous stream of risqué stories and anecdotes.

At a model initiation performed Saturday evening, Iowa Gamma blossomed forth with the following new actives: Harold Chittendon, former pledge president, and Raymond McCreery.

Guest speaker at the Sunday morning session was Ernest Hays, Alumni Comptroller, Iowa Alpha. After dinner, all present were entertained by our beloved alum, Shirley Porter, whose mastery of the ivories stands unequaled.

Alumni who attended included: James Franken, Cedar Rapids; Edwin Ford, Cedar Rapids; W. R. Cherry, Cedar Rapids; M. F. Mitvalsky, Cedar Rapids; D. A. Armbruster, Iowa City; Emil G. Trott, Iowa City; G. W. Buxton, Iowa City; Shirley Porter, Iowa City; and Dick Nazette, Cedar Rapids.

Delegates from Iowa Alpha were: Jerry Ferris, Ralph Schmidt, Vernon Buckley, Ralph Wahrer, Dick Van Vranken, Gene Smith, and John Davenport.

Delegates from Iowa Beta were: Walt Hammond, Ivan Taylor, Gordon Pennington, Ed Brungraber, Ross Sherrill, Joe Weber, Bob Wade, Quentin Paulsen, Dave Bromwell, and Stan Dunn.

—GLENN E. SATTERLY

## ★ NEW HOUSES ★

Wisconsin Sig Eps look forward to moving into a new home in the fall.

The chapter was fortunate in securing a house at this time when every campus throughout the country is confronted with the present housing shortage. The house is located at 102 East Gorham Street, Madison, which is on the corner of Pinkney and Gorham, approximately two blocks beyond the Kennedy Manor. The house, originally built by Judge Keyes, despite its age is in very good shape and all Wisconsin Betas can be justly proud of it after alterations are made and redecoration is completed.

The house is being bought on a Land Contract with an option to convert to a lease at the end of the first nine months. In the event of conversion to the lease, the amount paid down on the land contract will be applied to payments on the lease contract. Under the present plans, we expect to room and board 30 men in this house.

We have also made arrangements for an annex with Mrs. E. Lindgren of Lindgren House at 104 Breese Terrace to provide for the men whom we cannot accommodate at 102 E. Gorham. This house will provide room for 17 men, but no board.

The capital necessary to make the down payment and start operations has been furnished by a loan from the Grand Chapter, the alumni who contributed to the house drive last fall, and contributions made by each pledge and active. At the present time the actives are conducting a campaign among themselves to raise money to cover the expense of giving the exterior of the house a new coat of paint. We have been secretly informed by some of the Alumni that they are not going to be "topped" by this but are conducting a campaign to raise the necessary funds to do some of the interior decorating.

Housing Chairman Leo Barnes has been working for more than a year on this project and will be one of the happiest of the Sig Eps to see us back in a house after his hours and hours of hard work at the *nearly impossible* task. Much of his success has been due to the help given by Alumni Weiss, Klipstein, and Wendland, and the legal advice given by Alumni Dithmar and Steinmetz. Barnes will be our house fellow during the next school year.

—LAVERNE FLEEGE

The "Message to Garcia" perseverance of the New York Gamma alumni board, headed by President H. Alvin Smith, will enable the chapters, despite New York's great housing shortage, to move into a new house sometime in November. Located at 141 West 4th Street, the house is about three minutes from campus. Ideally situated in the heart of Greenwich



New house for the Sig Eps at University of Wisconsin which will be available for the fall term. It is located at 102 East Gorham Street, Madison.

Village, it is a four-story red brick "mansion," or so it seems to the men after living in the Mulberry Street version of "One-third of a nation."

The actives will raise a part of the funds for the new house by conducting a summer raffle. Prizes are a Table Radio, a \$20 Permanent Wave and \$5 in cash. The fund commit-



New home of the N.Y.U. Sig Eps at 141 West Fourth Street, New York. It is expected to be ready for occupancy by Christmas.



Charles Whaley, Kentucky Alpha's high activity man (left), and Tom Porter, all-fraternity basketball team choice.

tee, which planned this, is under the direction of Joseph Otto and Gus Nickou.

The Utah Alumni Board has purchased a home and lot for Utah Alpha. It is a substantial home once occupied by a sorority, according to Lyle E. Holmgren, alumni board secretary.

### ★ BIG MEN ★

The Washington Alpha chapter believes a big hand is forthcoming for the man who has not only been an inspiring social chairman for the past semester—but who has rightfully become "Handsome Harry" of the W.S.C. campus. He is none other than Paul (Handsome Harry) Fugate, so named through a campus-wide contest in which each penny donated by the girls toward the worthy cause (radios for



B.M.O.C. at Oregon State, Bob Reiman, engineer student with a 3.5 grade average, was regular quarterback on 1946 OSC football team which finished second in Pacific Coast Conference. Undefeated in shotput last spring, he is also a top discus man and finished fifth last year in NCAA meet.

the hospital) constituted one vote. It was "Handsome Paul's" winning way with the women, campaign manager Norman O'Donnell's tact and aggressiveness; sign painter Grant Fleshman's attractive posters, every good Sig Ep's interest, and the good support by the fairer sex that put the candidate across with more than 10,500 votes.

Charles Whaley, arts and sciences junior of Williamstown, Ky., is Kentucky Alpha high point activity man. Editor, *Sig Ep Saga*; scholastic standing of 2.88; publicity chairman and chairman of the music and activities committees; awarded Scott scholarship key; treasurer of Keys, sophomore men's leadership fraternity; former associate editor and now managing editor of the *Kentuckian*, student yearbook; staff member of the *Kentucky Kernel*, campus newspaper—also former columnist; former member of the script-writing staff of WBKY, the University's FM radio station; a member of the Student Union Board, governing body of the Student Union Building; member of SuKy, the pep club; member of Phalanx, honorary Christian fraternity; president of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman men's honorary scholarship fraternity; member of the men's glee club; vice-president of the Constitutional party, campus political group composed of fraternity and sorority members; member of the Student Government Association; member of Lances, junior men's leadership fraternity; and member of Omicron Delta Kappa, senior men's national leadership society; a member of Y.M.C.A. and the Pitkin Club.

He was the only freshman student invited as an honor guest to the Phi Beta Kappa banquet last year. He has been named "Colonel of the Week" by a student committee of the *Kernel*. At the recent Honor Day Convocation he was presented the Kentucky Press Association award of \$100 given annually to the outstanding sophomore journalism student.

Down Richmond way where the Sig Eps want to do everything possible to keep the Fraternity's National Headquarters, a blond ex-Army flier is doing much to keep the Sig Ep parent chapter, Virginia Alpha, prominently on the map. He is Thaddeus T. Crump.

Recently married, Crump was given the McAdams prize which is awarded annually to the student in the junior class of Richmond College "who has rendered the most outstanding service to the University and to his fellow students."

Currently president of student government, he has served as vice-president of Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary leadership fraternity, and he is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary leadership fraternity. Other honors include the vice-presidency of his freshman class and the position of secretary of his sophomore class; membership on the Y.M.C.A.

Council and on the Honor Council; managing editor of the *Collegian*, student newspaper, and editor of the *Spider* handbook.

Jack Biggerstaff of Lexington, Okla., is this chapter's man of the year. Elected president of the Interfraternity Council at the University of Oklahoma last May, he has the remarkable distinction of having also served in 1946 as president of the Independent Men's Association. Besides having served for the past year as interfraternity council representative from Oklahoma Beta he is also a member of the Pushkita Board and a student senator.

## ★ BULLETINS ★

### **Alabama**

During summer quarter we are keeping the house open, but the kitchen will be closed until fall term.

New officers: James Galloway, president; Marvin Wallace, vice-president; Tom Smith, comptroller; Joseph Harrison, historian; Nick Terlizzi, senior marshal; and John Sims, junior marshal.

Allen Uhlich will fill the presidency for the summer session. He was largely responsible for the reactivation of the chapter and served as the first president after reactivation.

—JOSEPH C. HARRISON

### **Alabama Tech**

Comptroller Merril Bradley left school due to illness in the family, and John C. Anthony was made comptroller.

—THOMAS L. PITTS

### **Baker**

With the largest pledge class in its history, Kansas Alpha was able to participate in more activities and win more honors. Prowess was shown with seven lettermen in football, two in basketball, and by winning the intramural football championship, placing three men on the Intramural All-Stars.

A high scholastic index reflects achievement in study. Bill Bucher, Eugene Colegrove, Bill Gillis, and Jim Smith qualified for Alpha Delta Sigma. Four men were in the band, two of whom were officers, others on the *Wildcat* (annual), and *Baker Orange*, senior class and school committees, debates team, and various class offices.

The house this summer will see several more improvements.

Mrs. Mary E. Blackburn has completed nine years as Housemother and will return this fall.

—WILLIAM A. BUCHER, JR.



Jack Biggerstaff, B.M.O.C. at Oklahoma.

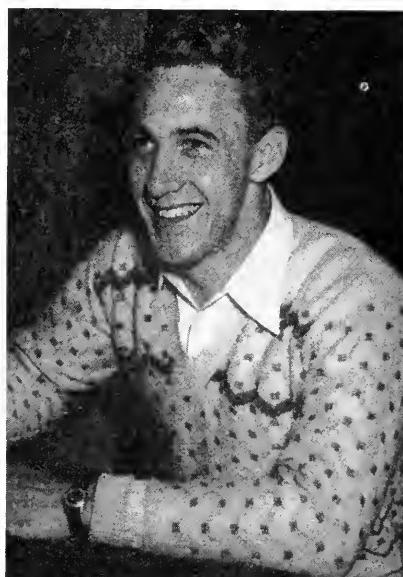
### **California**

During rugby season, the chapter played host to two men of the British Columbia team: Dick Chungranes and Fred Ranson. Both men played the  $\frac{3}{4}$  position. California trampled the team in all but two games.

—ROBERT W. CHALMERS, JR.

### **Carroll**

The chapter tops membership among the Greek organizations at Carroll; with 97 strong.



Washington State campus favorite Fugate.

Intramurally, the chapter, with William Cross as director and Edward Thomas as his assistant took first in the track meet. Paul Storbeck, Don Slusser, and Edward Thomas, were outstanding. We were awarded second place in bowling. Richard Walters obtained the highest average of any individual bowler in the League. Paul Gross directed tennis. Loren Hurley and Otto Lune, Jr., played, while Bud Shriner and Elmer E. Meyer, Jr., helped make up the doubles squad.

Through graduation we are losing Past President Richard Tausche, who returns to LaCrosse to begin his work. Robert Michel, comptroller, has built our chapter strong financially. Other seniors leaving are Edward Haffner, George Socha, and Lloyd Davies. Robert Stein has left to transfer to the University of Wisconsin.

—DON C. WESTFALL

### **Colorado A & M**

Recently elected officers: Donald L. Oldemeyer, president; Laurie D. Ramsay, vice-president; Charles Delp, secretary; Rush B. Locke, historian; and Hugo Stuckenschneider, comptroller.

In athletics, we acquired the interfraternity golf, tennis, and wrestling trophies for the house besides a homecoming decorations trophy; we also received a scholarship trophy from the Grand Chapter which was won last year.

—RUSH B. LOCKE

### **Davidson**

Spring term closed with 52 actives and four pledges. Initiated during the last semester of the regular session: Jimmy Scruggs, Pat Clark, Harry Shaw, Gilbert Humphries, George Thomasson, Kent Christopher, and Charles Maxwell.

Newly elected officers: Ed Lilly, president; Dave Blevins, vice-president; Charles Owens, secretary; John Hay, comptroller; John Thatcher, rushing chairman and Zee Holler, historian. Thatcher was highly honored by being made secretary of the Panhellenic council while Blevins was elected by the student body as freshman adviser.

The large social function of the year was held at the Red Fez Club near Charlotte in late March. Music was provided by Gib Todd and orchestra and chaperons were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Herndon.

In interfraternity sports, under the direction of Dave Neill we took second place in softball. In the annual Y.M.C.A. table tennis tourney we took all of the places. In singles, Charles Shaw survived all opposition, while in doubles Sam Lineberger and Bill Bogart beat Brothers Carlyle Moore and Shaw for the doubles title.

For the summer term, we have about 20 members. We are having very informal meet-

ings but hope to have a very fine social function a little later in the summer. There will be no rushing during the summer.

—BILL BOGART and ELMO SELLOUS

### **Denver**

The chapter again took first place in scholastic standing on the campus among all fraternities. Active John Fuller received honors for having the highest average in the senior class. Nine other Sig Eps received top honors.

Colorado Beta had 24 actives and 8 pledges as of June 15. George Valine was initiated May 26. Pledges: Paul Johnson, Lyman Green, Fred Schroeder, Jerry Hopkins, Fred Cook, Dick Winkel, Stan Wiseman, and Dick Miller.

Past President Bruce Heider heads Interfraternity Council for the coming year. Craig Hirst has been elected president of the Language Club and Pressmen's Club.

A mountain picnic was held in honor of the Sigma Chis who received their charter in Denver University, May 29.

Sig Eps and their dates enjoyed a cabin party May 17 at the cabin of Alumnus Brother G. I. Lininger, in the mountains overlooking Denver. After enjoying steaks, we danced, sang fraternity songs, and enjoyed the beautiful view of the Mile High City. —JACK SMOLENSKE

### **Florida**

June graduates: Jim Smith, Louis Traina, Billy Bevis, James Willis, Bernard Cimino, Al Warren, and Bill Durden.

We finished in intramurals under the leadership of Julian Baggett, Don Walker, and Cecil Skipper. The annual softball game with Kappa Sigma was won handily.

Initiates: Tommy Keeter, Rutherford, N.C.; Al Ketchmer, Ft. Pierce; and Rodney Davis, Sarasota.

Officers: Bill O'Neill, president; Charles H. Pafford, vice-president; Floyd L. Winfree, secretary; George D. West, historian; Clarence O. Leigh, guard; Douglas A. Baker, senior marshal; Thomas E. Keeter, junior marshal; Bob McCorkle, I. F. C. representative.

New dining facilities and house extension are expected to be completed by the fall term.

—GEORGE D. WEST

### **Georgia Tech**

There is no progress to report about acquiring a house, though we still have to be out by August 30.

Summer school started June 16 with about one-half of the members registering. There are fourteen living in the house this quarter and with the members living in the dormitories eating meals at the house, we are able to keep the table going.

Last quarter we pledged Colin Anderson, Dan Bradack, and John Stowers.

Graduating in August are Lou Binns, Louis Crouch, Dick Endress, and Jimmie Sizemore.

—JIMMIE SIZEMORE

## Illinois

Star and Scroll, started in 1938 by Sigma Phi Epsilon as an interfraternity organization to reward outstanding freshmen, was once again started this year by Illinois Alpha. This honorary boasts a membership of fifteen of the most prominent fraternities on the Illinois campus. Ken Pickens, chapter president, was elected president of the organization.

Listed as one of the "top-ten" fraternities in all-point intramural standings, Illinois Alpha copped the all-fraternity and all-university fall softball championships. The basketball team reached the division finals before losing a game! Tom Phillips, John Baird, Ken Pickens, Vince Wasilewski, and Dick Faber made up the quintet. In touch football and soccer outstanding teams represented the chapter. In spring softball Sig Ep was labeled the "team to Beat" by virtue of having almost the same personnel that had won the all-university championship in the fall. The team added the division championship to its laurels and then went all the way to the semi-finals of the championship playoffs before losing an extra inning heartbreaker to Sigma Alpha Mu. Several individuals were honored on University All Star teams which were picked by the *Daily Illini*.

In fall softball, Bob Allen and Jack Moore were awarded first team berths in the battery positions. In soccer Ken Pickens landed a first-team all star award. In spring softball, Bob Allen once again, along with Joe Hayer and John Baird, made the all-star team. Bill Sandberg, George Shamyer, and Tom Harland won honorable mention awards.

May 11 initiates: Bill Pipher, Flossmoor; Dick Faber, Mendota; Jack Parchman, Chicago; Tom Phillips, Harvey; John Comerford, Joliet; Art Moberly, Hammond; Don Flaherty, Elgin and Dale Arvidson, Chicago. Pledges John Raffensperger, Frank Janda, Phil Miller, Martin Matheson, Paul Matheson, and Bob Wulfert were due to be initiated later.

One of the outstanding pledges, Bill Meyers, of Park Ridge, was on the football team last fall and traveled with the Illinois track team this spring. He wrote a song for the chapter to sing in the recent Shi Ai Sing. The chapter's fine showing in the contest was largely due to Bill's number, "Why Did You Leave Me."

## Indiana

Indiana Beta needs a house. Dr. Maurice Felger, Brice Smith, Charles DeBruyer, and



Florida Alpha Sig Eps enjoying a hamburger supper given by the losing Kappa Sigmas after annual softball game. Note trophy.

Joseph O. Waymire, of the alumni board, are attempting to help us obtain the house.

Pledges: Stuart Berg, John Borah, Leo Boston, James Canida, John Conroy, Keith Fenters, Richard Gutermuth, William Helmic, Robert Holt, Jack Howenstine, Ted Hrycak, Jr., Thomas Huston, Richard Kerrl, James Knudson, Herbert Kruse, George Kuruzovich, Ted Lekan, Richard Lieb, John Mavity, Richard Mays, Robert Miles, Sam Seitz, Jr., Joseph Shissler, James Emery Sparks, Jr., Robert Tariff, William Tennen, Richard Thompson, Gary Watson, and Stanley West.

—DEAN OVERHOLSER

## Iowa

Harold Chittenden (former pledge president) and Raymond McCreery became Gamma's newest active members at the annual District XX Convention at Iowa Gamma on May 11. The newly formed Cedar Rapids Alumni Chapter was represented by James Franken, Edwin Ford, W. R. Cherry, M. F. Mitvalsky, and Dick Nazette.

New initiates: Everett C. Ward, Kenneth R. Hobson, Larry C. Willimack, Nathan C. Shaw, Jr., Donald D. Myron, James L. Cooper, Richard C. Albright, David G. Walton, Dale W. Griffin, Earl C. Brewer.

Sig Ep mothers were honored guests at a chapter dinner in May, some flying from distant states to attend. A Sig Ep Mothers' Club was organized and held the first meeting, collected dues, and elected officers, as follows: Mrs. L. J. Culp, Des Moines, president; Mrs. E. E. Sage, Burlington, secretary and Treasurer.

The Scott Key winner for the past year, Robert W. MacDonald, also won the Phi Lambda Upsilon award for the senior in chemistry with the highest scholastic standing. Other enviable scholars were Rod Sage and Nathan Shaw.

After nearly a year of research, debate, and procedural experimentation, the new Chapter By-Laws were put into effect on April 21, 1947. Every attempt was made to write in references to the Grand Chapter Constitution and pro-

cedural references to the National By-Laws in cases specifically covered by same. Other matters left thereby to Chapter jurisdiction were more clearly established. A notable exception to usual practices was the establishment of a Judiciary Board to take jurisdiction over rules violations, whether University or Fraternity, and to ease the burdens of an overworked president and executive committee. This procedure was established by Richard Park, a graduating law student and past president of the chapter. The final draft of the new By-Laws was compiled and arranged by Glenn E. Satterly. Iowa Gamma would be glad to send a copy of same to any chapter desiring it.

The chapter has set the 30th Anniversary Reunion at that time for October 10 and 11, 1947. The house will be turned over to *our alumni and their wives*, with merrymaking the order of the day. October 11 will be highlighted with the Iowa Homecoming football game against Indiana. The Hoosier Chapter, incidentally, might care to bet a skin!

Chapter officers: M. Duane Francies, president; Edward Naramore, vice-president; Dale E. Satterly, comptroller; Hugh Ames, historian; John Bressler, secretary; Robert Jones and Don Riemenschneider, rushing; Duane McKinzie and Wally Wentz, marshals; William Funnell, guard; Dale Satterly, Robert Phillips, and Cecil Turner, pledge supervision.

A special election will be necessary in September to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of President Francies to Washington State.

Roy Carlson left in June to accept a permanent commission in the Regular Army of First Lieutenant. Upon reporting for duty then, he received his temporary rank of major.

Keith Stinson, Naval Reserve ensign, reported to Chicago in June for a short period of active flying, and then returned to his law studies at Iowa.

June graduates: Richard C. Park, law; Robert MacDonald, engineering; Cecil L. Turner, commerce; William A. Funnell, commerce.

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Alumni Chapter on June 13 was attended by Edward Naramore, acting president; Glenn E. Satterly, acting comptroller; Harold L. Peters, Bud Phelps, Robert Rasdall, Donald Walter, Cecil Turner (graduate alumnus).

Jerry Kubal and Bruno Niedzeila, alumni, have signed to play professional football with the Chicago Rockets, a team in the All-American Football Conference. Jerry Niles, who received his degree in Economics last February, played professional football with the Jersey City Giants last year, and has been called up to the New York Giants for the coming football season. All of these men held regular berths on the Iowa Squads during their undergraduate days.

Noble Jorgensen, former Iowa basketball

star, is this summer attending Iowa University, but will again play with the Pittsburgh Ironmen Professional Basketball team in the winter. Ralph Brown held a berth on the 1947 varsity tennis squad. Joe Grothus is a first string guard with the Hawkeye football team.

In regard to intramurals, we won our first intramurals trophies in six long, lean years. Our bowling team placed second in team games, second in high team scores, and second in high individual scores. Roy Carlson came through with a three-game total of 530 to earn us the award. Softball? Basketball? As my predecessor, Glenn Satterly, would say at this point, "Don't ask us about the rest, for the Wailing Wall is over-crowded!"

-HUGH S. AMES

### Iowa State

Sig Ep boasts two of the twelve men on campus tapped for Cardinal Key. Roy Fisher and Ron Norman were tapped with Ronnie being tapped president. Ronnie succeeds Warren Hayes as president making it two years in succession that a Sig Ep has been at the helm. Quent Paulson is vice-president of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Art Cornell and Joe Webber prepared an up-to-date copy of by-laws of our chapter. Four men were entertained recently from a local fraternity at Bradley Tech which is a prospective Sig Ep petitioner.

-GORDON PENNINGTON

### Iowa Wesleyan

Activities culminated at Iowa Wesleyan with a barbecue June 1 and Commencement June 2. Graduates: C. R. Stein and Walter A. Franz.

Recent initiates: Bruce Allen, Bill Castelich, Marvin Carnwright, Jack Connell, Emery Crane, Roger Dalin, Paul De Armond, Don Nortting, Don McBran, Bob Norris, Alvin Richmond, Paul Sidlis, Gene Smith, and Ralph Wahrer.

Dick Van Vrankin, recently discharged from the Army Air Force, has returned to Iowa Wesleyan campus.

-JACK CONNELL

### Kentucky

Chapter officers for next six months: Joe Ballard, Bowling Green, president; Jack Wayman, Independence, vice-president; Robert Utterback, Frankfort, controller; Paul Parker, Beech Creek, secretary; William Pawley, Rineyville, guard; Gene McMurray, Lexington, senior marshal; William Balden, Harrodsburg, junior marshal; Charles Oberst, Owensboro, historian.

Jim Line was recently presented a gold cup awarded by Keys, sophomore leadership fraternity, to the "outstanding freshman."

On the U.K. basketball team as highest-scoring freshman, he also has a 2.8 scholastic stand-

ing out of a 3.0 perfect. Phi Eta Sigma, freshman men's honorary, and Keys vice-president.

New initiates: Glenn Jones, Ted Howard, Ed Linville, John Ambrose, Tom Martin, James Stone, James Clarkson, William Slone, James Line.

Tom Porter, a freshman of Madisonville, Ky., made the all-fraternity basketball team.

Recent graduates: Jim Ed Abell, Paul King, Dick Lowe, Jim Wood, Burt Franklin, Cornell Clarke, Noel McDonald, Ed Linville, Leo Link, Joe Daugherty, Joe Bennewitz, Clay Salyer, James Wyatt.

Sigma Phi Epsilon entertained with a dinner in honor of Dr. T. T. Jones, advisor to the Interfraternity Council, retiring Dean of Men at U.K., June 5.

James Lee Wood, Jr., originator of the *Sig Ep Saga*, is assistant state editor of the *Lexington Herald*.

Kentucky Alpha ranked second among U.K. fraternities in the recent World Student Service Drive with a contribution of \$50.

—CHARLES WHALEY

## **Lehigh**

The semester closed with the traditional University Flagpole ceremonies when the presentation of University awards was made. A cup for being the outstanding senior of the year was awarded to Richard Huyett, October '46. This is the highest achievement award given at Lehigh.

At the same ceremony five men in the house received varsity letters for spring sports. Charles R. Loepkey and Clarence I. Pearsall received baseball letters. Charlie played third base, and Jake was left fielder. Carl Reetz received a track letter for his work with the javelin and discuss. Carl had earlier in the year received a varsity letter for swimming which gives him two letters in one semester of his freshman year. William Elliott, Jr., received a letter in lacrosse, and Edwin P. Ernst a letter for tennis.

On the intramural front we are still in the midst of the softball championship with two wins and two defeats. Our bowling team was red hot this spring and won five straight matches before it dropped a close decision in the finals.

The high spot on the social calendar was the spring house party, which started off with the Senior Prom with Charlie Spivak playing to a capacity crowd at Grace Hall. Saturday afternoon we were blessed with one of the few sunny days of the year for our house picnic, and Saturday night our fraternity dance started early and ended late.

Graduates: Edwin Cummings, B.S. in mechanical engineering, will be employed by the France Packing Company. Fred Christ, B.A. in chemistry, starts work for Public Service of New

Jersey. David Emery, B.S. in electrical engineering, has accepted a position with Allis-Chalmers. Rodney Merkert, B.S. in metallurgical engineering, will be employed by American Brakeshoe in New Jersey. Frederick N. Spencer, B.S. in business administration, has not yet reported his plans.

—JOHN C. BEERS

## **Michigan**

The fraternity intramural sports, in which some 32 or more fraternities actively competed, ended here at Michigan with the Sig Eps in third place. It was a fight all year for first honors between Sig Eps, Chi Psi, and Sigma Chi. We finished 15 points out of first and one point out of second. Of the spring-sport group we took horseshoes, free-throws, and at this writing are in tennis finals. We were eliminated in softball finals.

Harry Anderson, athletic chairman, nominated by us as outstanding intramural athlete of the year, was placed on the I. M. all-star basketball team by intramural officials and also named as the pitcher on the all-star softball team. Garver Wilson, Bob Reichert, Dick Dugan, and Harry Anderson received awards for sportsmanship and ability in fraternity athletics for the past year.

Bill Mikulich was greatly honored by his teammates of the U. of M. tennis team. He was elected to captain the squad again next spring.

Housemother Mrs. Leila Vibert is with us after her well-earned rest.

Graduates: John MacLachlan, Charles Fisk, John Bothwell, Pat Woods, Hank Cowlin, Don MacKinnon, Harry Anderson, Garv Wilson, Warren Talcott, Dick Boyd, Don Edwards, Don Smith, Dick Dunlop, Ron Brightsen, Chuck Berthoud, and Bud Hardenbrook.

—SAM F. MASSIE

## **Mississippi**

Summer officers: Claude McBryde, president; Jack Parker, comptroller and secretary.

Recent pledges: John E. Bufkin, Lumberton; Charles Adams, Tomnolen; Max Rogers, Sumner and Charles Ward, Tunica.

## **Missouri**

Missouri Alpha joined the list of active chapters in May. The chapter was reactivated at a dinner held in the Daniel Boone Hotel, attended by distinguished alumni, including as toastmaster Herb Roush, Kansas City, and representatives of the Kansas City and St. Louis Alumni Associations as well as actives from Kansas Gamma and Missouri Gamma.

Principal speaker was former national president Earle Frost, Kansas Beta. Missouri Alpha founder Paul Koontz also spoke, as did K. Van



Members of the Missouri Sig Ep Club, which is again Missouri Alpha . . . Left to right: John Stretch, Joseph Owens, Thomas Birchfield, Harry Thayer. Bottom: Daniel Finny, John Illish, John Begley, Jr.

Scot, W. E. Rogers, C. H. Freeark, T. Neal, and others.

Honorary memberships in Missouri Alpha were given to Thomas J. Guilfoil, president of the St. Louis Alumni Association and Leon Mart, president of the Kansas City Alumni Association.

Following the dinner initiation ceremonies were held in which the following men became actives: John Illish, John Stretch, and Harry Thayer, St. Louis; Tom Birchfield, Kansas City; Dan Finney, Brentwood, Mo.; Joe Owens, Sullivan, Mo.; and John Begley, Newark, N.J.

At the first formal meeting afterwards, the following chapter officers were elected: Harry Thayer, president; Dan Finney, vice-president; John Stretch, secretary; and Joe Owens, comptroller; Walter Cliffe, historian; John Illish, guard; Fred Veinfurt, senior marshal, and Charles Kenworthey, junior marshal.

Unfortunately we were only able to enter one event in the fraternity intramural schedule that being softball in which we came out third in a rough division consisting of six fraternities. Before becoming reactivated we participated in the independent division of the volleyball league, coming out second losing only one game to the school champions.

—JOHN H. STRETCH

### **Missouri Mines**

Missouri Gamma begins its existence as the 74th chapter with enthusiastic and fraternity-minded men. On the campus during the spring semester, the new chapter began its first season of intramural competition by failing to place in the money in only two of the events it entered, tennis and volleyball. Softball final playoffs saw the Sig Eps losing to Kappa Sigma in the rubber game of a three-game series. Dusty Rhoads and Phil Davidson, center fielder, were

listed on the intramural all-star softball team. Jack Stephens and Art Shaver hung up a victory for Sig Ep by winning the horseshoe doubles tournament. Tom Burke gained laurels in the MIAA conference track-meet when he captured the 220-yard low hurdles, setting a new school record.

Dusty Rhoads received his B.S. in mechanical engineering, and Jim Snider received his M.S. in mining-geology at the June graduation.

Missouri Gamma is represented in Theta Tau, national professional engineering fraternity, by seven members, five of whom were initiated during the spring semester. A springtime feature was the outing at the home of honorary Cecil Herrman, where plenty of food and drink provided the basis for a party that was one of the season's best. Entertainment by Yo-Yo Davidson kept members and guests in a most jovial mood. The annual Miner boat-ride in St. Louis saw many Sig Eps and their dates enjoying the moonlight and other attractions of the pleasure steamship, *Admiral*. The honors for receiving the first three pins from Missouri Gamma Sig Eps go to Norma Ballard, Rolla, Mo.; Marianne Schaefer, St. Louis, Mo.; and Bette Dressler, St. Louis, Mo.; who are the respective heart-wearers of Howard Lester, Karl Krautschneider, and Jim Miller.

[The JOURNAL does not usually announce pin-hangings; however, this news from this new chapter is regarded as special. Ed.]

Twelve active Sig Eps registered for the summer semester, enough to give some of the older fraternities a rough time in the summer intramurals. The chapter must meet the problem of obtaining and equipping a house.

—THOMAS WIRFS

### **Nebraska**

Cupid, during the spring interval, made conquests resulting in engagements and pinhangings.

In the boxing tournament, bringing home the trophy and laurels of first place, Dale Preston won a first-place decision in the 175-pound division, while Hugh Cooke won the finals in the 125-pound class. John Brower and Tom Loisel held out until the semifinals with Don Cochran, John Ogden, and Dwight Byers winning points in early bouts.

President Richard Folda was "tapped" Innocent, senior men's honorary; Vice-president Walt Dorothy was elected to Student Council, Interfraternity Council, and was appointed to the Engineers Executive Board. Ray Biemond is assistant business manager of the *Cornhusker*, annual.

As scholars, Ernie Luther, Edwin Stone, Don Cochran, Denny Cochran, Boden Portwood, John Greene, Donald Jay, Herbert Schwancle, won acclaim in the honor lists, Portwood the

fourth time in four years. Robert Johnson was elected to Sigma Xi honorary, John Greene and Boden Portwood to Beta Gamma Sigma. Dean Skokan won the Alpha Kappa Psi citizenship award and the R.O.T.C. band honorary key award. Robert Neale Copple received the J. C. Seacrest Scholarship in journalism. Tom Bauer is our latest addition to the Gamma Lambdas.

Recent initiates: John Russell and Gerald Toogood.

New pledges: Art Tirro, John D. Portwood, Robert Axtell, Lewis Klink, Dean Gelwick, Russell Laird, Mike Williams, Don Gaust, Bob Warton.

—RICHARD CELWICK

## New Mexico

School session ended with a roster of 23 actives and 6 pledges. Last fall there were only three actives and no pledges.

The University is returning custody of our house August 10. —T. MONTGOMERY

## N.Y.U.

July 11 initiates: Karl J. Schneider, William C. Wood, John P. Mottolese, Robert V. Seebach, John H. McCormack, Randolph Nicholson, and Walfrid H. Johnson. A total active membership, 33.

The annual reunion banquet was held in conjunction with the initiation at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Edward E. Fletcher Memorial Medallion, offered by the Violet Skull to the senior, a member of a Violet Skull Fraternity in the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance, who has unceasingly and unselfishly served his alma mater, and whose ability and character most nearly approach those of the late Edward Eugene Fletcher, awarded to Gordon V. Derian, New York Gamma, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Gunther Pohl, who completed his undergraduate work in February, is present at nearly every regular meeting. He is doing graduate work and is employed in the library of the Physics Department.

Arnold Miller, Angelo Clementi, and Gordon Derian provided cars for the evacuation of Mulberry Street, as did pledges John McCormack and John Mottolese. Miller and McEnaney made special trips to the city to complete the moving which brought New York Gamma's Mulberry Street era to a close last June. Pledges Bill Wood and John McCormack provided the storage space for furniture until the house-warming next November.

The Sig Ep-Delta Zeta sorority presentation of *Out of the Frying Pan* in the school of Education auditorium was immensely successful. The audience laughed in all the right places and everybody connected with it got several appreciative rounds of applause.



Players in "Out of the Frying Pan," stage play at N.Y.U. put on by Sig Ep and Delta Zeta.

Don Estrup's hard-playing New York Gamma basketball team ended the season in fine style.

Top players were Robert Jahelka, Thomas Borgese, Joe Kreiser, Jim McCreery, Gordon Derian, Bill Harrison, Phil Leto, John Mottolese and Robert V. Seebach.

Summer graduates include Louis Roscher, Kenneth Searles, Gus Nickou, Alfred Riccardi, Jr., Walter McEnaney, Richard McNiven.

—CHARLES J. GRANT, JR. and GEORGE WOLF

## North Carolina State

Graduates: Montgomery Steele, H. H. Gwyn, William J. Boney, T. A. Hardaway, Richard Isenhour, Richard Edkins, Mack T. Miller, John A. Park, Arthur Powell, Benjamin Mann, Thomas J. Clark, and Milton C. May.

Intramural athletic competition netted us second place, directed by Grover Martin, winner of the campus "Best Athletic Manager Award" last year. We won championships in football, softball, track, and tennis singles; and placed second in volleyball and tennis doubles. The sparks on all our athletic teams were Walter Foreman and James P. Boger, who was elected Best Fraternity Athlete of the year. We have won the campus bowling championship for the two years of its existence. We have thus annexed two more trophies.

A broad rushing program is being planned for the summer months in anticipation of rush week next fall.

New initiates this term: Grady Bernard Smith, Charlotte; Richard K. Worsley, Greenville; Dave Powers, Savannah, Ga.; Norman E. Davis, Wilmington; William Stevens, Smithfield; Ed Price, Wilson; Marshall Spring, Raleigh.

On May 16, the chapter softball team went over to Chapel Hill (U. of N.C.) for a combination softball "round-robin" and rush party in conjunction with the N.C. Zeta chapter, to aid in the re-establishment of Sigma Phi Epsilon

on the campus there. Our Chapter, Wake Forest chapter, and the Brothers on the campus at the university participated in the softball and enjoyed a delightful picnic afterward. Incidentally, we won both ball games and two kegs of beer.

Bob Currin was on the varsity track team and Charles H. Boney earned his monogram in tennis.

Don R. Swartz, of Richmond, Va., was elected president to succeed Marion B. Haynes, who left school last term.

N. C. Beta ended the year with 48 actives and 8 pledges. —CHARLES H. BONEY

### **Norwich**

June 9 saw the closing of Sig Ep for the summer months, but the closing saw us with 42 members and 30 pledges; a great stride forward since our opening last fall.

Norwich's Annual Junior Week was held May 8, 9, and 10. —CHALMERS MILNE

Four trophies or cups were awarded to fraternities at Norwich University commencement and Vt. Alpha received the four cups. They were the interfraternity softball, interfraternity basketball, the athletic award, and the most coveted of all the White Trophy. The White Trophy is presented each year to the fraternity which has the highest academic work for the year.

Secretary Forrestal attended Norwich Commencement, and Vermont Alpha, at the President's dinner, presented Secretary Forrestal with a pair of gold cuff links and made him an honorary member of the chapter.

—DAVID V. ANDERSON

### **Ohio Northern**

Summer finds 19 of the chapter on campus. Though we gained only third place in scholastic rating among the seven fraternities on campus last quarter, individual honors were taken by several of our seniors in the graduating class.

Graduates and transfers: James Halfhill, John McCardle, Charles Reese, and James Thuma.

Bud Keyser is competing for the tennis championship, while others boast strong contenders for the swimming and diving interfraternity meet.

Excluded from our list of officers in the last edition was the name of John H. Collier of Rochester, N.Y., new historian.

—WILLIAM S. DERRY

### **Ohio State**

New initiates: Jacque Cain, Edward Hatch, Donald Riber, Fred Katterheinrich, and Paul Yates.

Graduates: Thomas Hildreth, William Gunn, Donald Detmer, Joseph Nisonger, Robert Grooms, and Claire Beighley.

William Anderson was elected president of Engineers Council. Halo Hirose is one of the outstanding sprint swimmers in the country. Dave Templeton is on the varsity football squad. Represented in Stroller's productions were Howard Mouery, Don Riber, and Al McAllister. Mouery has been a star in most of the productions. William Gunn was initiated into Sphinx, activities honorary.

### **Ohio Wesleyan**

Manpower: 65 actives and 4 pledges.

The Pledge Project System, replacing the traditional Hell Week, has been responsible for the installation of a side patio, flagstone walk, garbage disposal unit, and the redecorating of the chapter room.

New officers: president, Henry Tunney; vice-president, Arthur Spurrier; recording secretary, Clyde Baines; correspondence secretary, Richard Heerd; historian, Phil Beach; guard, Eddie Spear; marshals, William Dochterman and Robert Williams. Larry Smith was appointed by the alumni council to succeed Charles Arnold as comptroller.

—PHIL BEACH

### **Oklahoma**

New officers: Gordon Hillhouse, engineering junior, president; Howard Cotner, arts and science junior, vice-president; Austin Milner, engineering sophomore, comptroller; Hobart Luppi, arts and science senior, historian; Richard King, arts and science senior, secretary; Jimmy Carter, university college freshman, guard; James Frazier, arts and science freshman, senior marshal; Edwin Pence, university college freshman, junior marshal; James Rodgers and John Denbo have been appointed respectively as social chairman and rush chairman.

Sig Eps won one-sixth of the student senatorships in the election April 1, 2. Out of 23 places they filled four. They are: Homer L. Biggerstaff, pre-law student and former IMA president, representing the College of Arts and Sciences; Richard King, senior in journalism, representing the College of Arts and Sciences; Harold Miller, sophomore in engineering, representing the College of Engineering; Todd Shirley, pledge and graduate student in journalism, representing the graduate school.

At a meeting of the Oklahoma division of the Federation of Young Republicans three Oklahoma Beta undergraduates were elected to office: James W. Rodgers, law student and chairman of the Young Republicans' organization on the campus, chairman of the university and college coordinating committee, for the

state of Oklahoma. Homer L. Biggerstaff, pre-law student and former IMA president, one of the seven delegates to the national convention of the Federation of Young Republicans held in Milwaukee in June; Todd Shirley, a pledge and graduate student in journalism, chairman of the publicity committee for the state of Oklahoma.

Hilary Fry, pledge and junior in the Arts and Sciences, was elected to the presidency of the Y.M.C.A. on the campus.

—HOBART LUPPI

## Oklahoma A & M

A state-wide high-school senior rush party was conducted on the week-end of May 17. Some 25 seniors from various high-schools over the state spent the week-end as our guests, and were entertained Saturday afternoon and evening by a picnic at the Guthrie Country Club.

At the District Convention at Norman it was decided to hold combined rush parties during the summer in various parts of the state to help all four Sig Ep chapters in the district.

Recent graduates include: Warren Brown, Drumright; Jerry F. Boutwell, Dallas; Al Green, Cordell; Bill Seikel, McLoud; Henry Strong, New York; and Norris Trostel, Enid.

Jimmie Metcalf, Maurice Fuquay, and Pledge Bill Bowers ran on the relay team. Eighteen men are staying in school for the summer at the house.

New officers: Albert L. Richardson, president; Mahlon Robertson, vice-president; Chuck Harrison, comptroller; T-Bone McDonald, historian; and James Wilkinson, secretary.

In the spring elections Sig Ep obtained two major offices when Walter Florence was elected senator from the school of engineering and T-Bone McDonald was elected president of Aggie Society. Ed Synar is the new secretary of Alpha Zeta.

During spring athletic events, Paul Seely, won the interfraternity heavyweight wrestling championship. Dale Curry won the 440-yard dash in the interfraternity track meet, and Andy Roye, Earl Casner, and Ben Harrison distinguished themselves in the dashes.

The chapter placed second in the interfraternity song festival, under the direction of S. M. Hart and Warren Brown, with a presentation of the Anthem and the Whiffenpoof song.

—T-BONE McDONALD and AL RICHARDSON

## Oregon

New initiates (April 13): Roger Newton, Medford; Robert Zeller, Salem; William Hollenbeck, Portland; and Domino Provost, Ashland.

Pledged: Wayne Roecker, Portland.

Don Provost participated in the National Intercollegiate Golf Championship at Ann Arbor, Mich., June 24-28. [Outcome not reported.] He was third man on the six-man team which took first place in the Northern Division playoffs, with Idaho, Montana, Washington, Washington State, and Oregon State competing. Oregon won all matches in the 1947 season. Joe Rooney, graduating senior, won his numeral as number one man on the freshman team and played one year on the varsity team before the war. He returned this year to hold down number three spot in varsity tennis.

The Mothers' Club purchased a new Magic Chef stove for the house.

The Alumni Association painted the house a gleaming white, set off by the new front lawn. Len Behrends gave the house a ping-pong table.

Our six graduating seniors were dined and wined at the house with a senior banquet: Benny Di Benedetto, Hubie Williamson, Dick Will, Jim Dyer, Doug Eden, and Dwayne Heathman.

The death of Pledge Glen Bostwick in an automobile accident south of Corvallis during the spring brought tragedy to our chapter. Budd Crystall suffered a broken thigh and Pledge Gil Tumy a broken arm. As this is written, Tumy is back at the house and Crystall is in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.

Wally Mead and Winny Carl were initiated into Sigma Delta Rho, national forensic, have made numerous speaking tours and have participated on many round-table discussions over local radio.

Jim Snell and Fran Mahula are members of Scabbard and Blade, national military. Mahula is vice-president of Phi Mu Alpha, national music honorary. Leigh Eden is in Skull and Dagger.

President Bill Barnum was tapped for Druids, junior honorary, and Asklepiads, medical honorary.

Winny Carl and Bob Chaney, having been tapped for Alpha Delta Sigma, journalism, were duly initiated by carrying sandwich posters on the campus and during the float parade.

Oregon Beta comes of age! May 20, 1947, marked our 21st year on the Oregon Campus. We celebrated by a dinner for the many attending alumni and numerous after dinner speeches gave a review of the year's activities and progress.

In scholarship we rated among the top houses on campus.

—JIM GILBERTSON

## Oregon State

Oregon Alpha's Thirtieth Anniversary Reunion is to be held February 21 and 22, 1948.

We are expecting our alumni from all over the country to come to Corvallis on that week-end to join in this significant homecoming.

On April 19, 1947, eighteen men were initiated, the largest group since the charter initiation in 1918. Included were Jerry Bowder, Ronald Clarke, Ronald Houck, Birge Kinne, Richard Lamb, Robert Lutton, Robert D. Morse, Robert Nissen, John Shupe, Paul Lee, Frank Johnson, Howard Saucy, Donald Cook, William Alexander, James Barratt, Harold Patterson, Herbert Schlicker, and Richard Edmundson.

Returned: Donald Schmit and Pledges Robert Knapp, Eldon Lilly, and Charles O'Conner.

Pledged: Robert Labhart and John Talbot.

Once again Sigma Phi Epsilon's grades lead all fraternities (and this time all living organizations) at Oregon State, winter term. Our house grade point average was 2.94.

During spring pledging, 83 positions in the various campus honorary societies were copped by Sig Eps, including the following presidencies: Bob Knoll, Blue Key and Sigma Delta Chi; Doug Engelbart, engineering student council and Sigma Tau; Bill Reinhart, Tau Beta Pi; Dave Engelbart, Co-op Manager's Association; Dean Gillette, National Collegiate Players; Harry Bleile, Round Table, all-campus religious service group.

At elections, spring term, three major campus offices were filled by Sig Eps for the 1947-48 school year: Gene Empey, Memorial Union president, Dick Lamb, student body third vice-president, and Bob Nissen, sophomore class president.

On May 17 the Interfraternity Sing was held for the first time since 1942, with second place, among the 17 contender houses going to the chapter.

Highlight of our spring intramural sports season was the success of our crew, which won first place.

Bob Reiman was unbeaten in the shotput, winning the Coast Conference Northern Division championship. Bob also placed high in discus competition. Freshman Dick Edmundson was one of Oregon State's outstanding sprinters. In junior varsity sports, Bill Alexander rowed number four on the lightweight crew and Bob Knapp pitched regularly for the baseball team.

—DAVE MINAR

## Pennsylvania

Chuck Elzey, Ralph Foulds, and Hand Goudy have been in varsity lacrosse. Bruce Howden arranged the music for the freshman Mask and Wig show. Tom Dove was elected to Friars Senior Society and has been chosen chairman of the Senior Advisory Council. Bill Holcombe was elected president of Fanfare Society, honorary organization of the Univer-

sity Band. Ben Gulla was batting second in the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League until he was put out of play for the season by an injured elbow sustained in the Franklin and Marshall game. Don Singer was elected to the Junior Class Council. Bob Mullin has been active in freshman track, winning the mile in the Princeton meet. Jack Kelley is on the freshman baseball team. Earl Brown has been elected to the Franklin Society. John Bixler was selected assistant band manager. Don Bishop participated in the freshman Mask and Wig show. Elmer Gray, increasingly active on the Penn campus, has to his credit the following achievements: editor of the *Class Record*, president of the Christian Association, vice-chairman of the Undergraduate Council, member of Sphinx Senior Society, and commander of the R.O.T.C. cadet battalion.

Initiated May 25: Robert Davis, Montclair, N.J.; Albert Pope, Oakville, Conn.; Donald Schneider, Lancaster; and William Wheaton, East Orange, N.J.

Sig Ep carried away top honors at the interfraternity sing-fest for the second consecutive time. If we win next year the cup is ours for keeps.

We were hosts to Alpha Chi Omega with a tea dance and buffet supper. The girls graciously sang for us the song with which they later in the evening won the Panhellenic sing.

Members graduating this spring are: Stanley Blazejewski, John Henzel, Bruce Howden, David Nelson, Ellwood Sheip, and George Zeigler.

May 24 Penn Deltans and their dates motored to the beautiful green hills near Valley Forge for the annual spring outing. Mountains of potato salad and hamburgers were consumed by the merrymakers after a hilarious afternoon of swimming, rollerskating and hiking in the woods. Firelight group singing of fraternity and school songs and dancing to the music of a portable radio marked the remainder of the evening.

—EUGENE H. KNOPP

## Penn State

Officers: William Sippell, president; James Walker, vice-president; James McNall, secretary; Frank Sipe, comptroller; Kenneth Brooks, historian.

Graduating seniors: James McClowry, Linden Smith, William Douglas, Raymond Becker, H. Alfred Lentz, and Gilbert Zuccarini.

The chapter softball team took second in both the "Beer" league and I.F.C. league.

—KENNETH BROOKS

*[Four men of this chapter were recently married, two others became fathers, but no facts whatever have been reported. Ed.]*



At the Purdue house, Bill Dingle, Joel Laner, and Tom Wiley catch up on some late editions.

### Purdue

Roll call: 66 actives, 6 pledges, and a St. Bernard; 25 of them to attend the summer session, eating at the ATO house.

Plans for remodeling to increase the capacity of the chapter house include the addition of a third-floor room and use of the cook's apartment as a study room; this will now provide room to house about 60 men. It has been our experience that the best actives and pledges are those who live under the Sig Ep roof.

The house scholastic index came up a little. President "Brain" Van Horne led everyone with his customary 5.82. After a few complaints, the new administration cracked down on study-hour regulations, and everyone is now very serious about his studies. (Brother Clulow is still unhappy about being the first one fined for a quiet-hour violation in several years.)

April initiates: Glenn Williams, Joe Bell, Fred Geyer, Jr., Warren Haeger, Robert Forbes, Raymond Shakel, Jr., Ted Lanham, Howard Rudin, and Phil Hadley. Raymond Shakel, Sr., and David Williams, '14, attended, taking part in the initiation ceremonies for their sons.

Eddie Carleton was elected sophomore senator in Student Government.

During the war the Pi Kappa Phis shared our house for a semester, and between us we won the intramural baseball cup. Since then, the Sig Eps have played the Pi Kaps each year for possession of it. They have had it until this year, but we have won it and it will be in our trophy room for some time—we hope. Sig Eps finished eighth this year in intramurals.

Ray Shakel and Pledges John Glasa and Dick Hurley have been initiated to Dolphin, swimming honorary. Shakel won his varsity letter this year, and the two pledges will have letters next year. "Sabu" Subilia and Tony Lehmkuhl, both varsity football men, are set for next season. Harry Redman, one of the outstanding B team players, aspires to varsity.

Our faculty sponsor, David S. Clarke, was promoted from associate professor to professor in April of this year.

—JACK MULLIGAN

### Rensselaer

The chapter's newly remodeled dining hall was displayed at Soiree time—the best dining hall, rumpus room, and bar room combination seen in these parts for some time.

In the interfraternity sports league this past term, the baseball team captured third place under Capt. Ed Kotula, and the boys on our swimming, track, and tennis teams have done well.

Graduates: Ed Alyanak, Howie Jarrett, Pete Saenger, Dud Keyes, Bill Macchia, and Russ Sherwood.

New officers: Art Reinhardt, president; Dick Plunkett, vice-president; Bill Anderson, secretary; Bill Morris, historian; Hank Whitten, house manager.

Initiates: Tom Baker, Chappaqua; Bruce Butler, Kenmore; Randall Carhart, Coeymans; Russell Smith, Watertown; Wayne Tomlinson, Tarrington, Conn.; Minard Whitnall, Newark, N.J.

New pledges: John Gallagher, Tony Lipka, and Wallace Reed.

Art Reinhardt has spent a busy term as treasurer of the sophomore class. It is this class that sponsors the annual Soiree formal. Bruce Butler was vice-president of Scalp and Blade.

—BILL MORRIS

### Rutgers

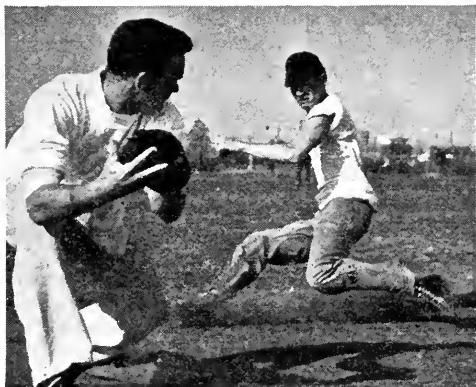
Recent activities have included a smoker and a house party. A joint alumni-undergraduate initiation banquet is planned.

New officers: Gus Schmidt, president; Walter J. Early, vice-president; Ira Case, secretary; Forrest Clark, historian; Warren De Louise, senior marshal; Frank Litterio, junior marshal; Robert Cyphers, guard.

—FORREST S. CLARK



Donald Lehmkuhl (No. 60), Purdue varsity guard, a senior; and Palmer Subilia (No. 32), varsity center, sophomore.



Dave Chamorro (runner) steals 3rd base in the final playoff between California Beta and Sigma Nus. Sig Eps won. Another of Walter Stile's superlative photos.

### **Stevens Tech**

Initiations since the last JOURNAL: John Klapper, '49, Nicholas J. Stagias, '49, John A. Sutherland, '50, Mortimer J. Sullivan, Jr., '50, Corwin E. H. Tingle, '50, Nathaniel T. Marvel, '50.

Officers: President, Walter C. Graulich, Jr., '48; vice-president, Corwin E. H. Tingle, '50; treasurer and house manager, Mortimer J. Sullivan, Jr., '50; secretary and historian, Nathaniel T. Marvel, '50; marshals, Kenneth E. Smith, '48, and John Klapper, '49; guard, John Oster, '49.

Pledged: Waldo E. Bemis, Jr., Warren H. Chase, III, Stan A. Kirkowski, James T. McElduff. This brought the number of men in the house to 11 actives and 7 pledges. In May, 1946, there were 3 New Jersey Alphas on campus.

Spring Sports Day (May 17) was followed by a formal IFC Ball at the Terrace Room in Newark, with music by Hal McIntyre's Orchestra; followed next day by a house party.

Alumni Day was observed on May 24 when about 40 alumni visited. The house was decorated by Walter Graulich, Tony Hein, and John Klapper. John Oster and Snuffy Smith served on the refreshments committee.

Since the Alumni Board took title to the house at 530 Hudson Street last December, the chapter members have been putting in weekends and vacations painting and redecorating. This work progressed so well and enough dormitory furniture having arrived, six or seven members have decided to live down this fall. A temporary kitchen has been set up.

More than 30 alumni have stopped by for a look at the house in recent months, the more distant travelers being Midshipman Dave Campbell, '46, from Annapolis, and Edward H. Reichard, '33, of Hollywood, Calif.

Preston H. Ackerman, '09, first president of the local Phi Kappa Pi which is now New Jersey Alpha was initiated at Santa Barbara on June 15 at time of installation of the new California Gamma Chapter at Santa Barbara.

-NAT MARVEL

### **Southern California**

Gil Furgerson organized the song group to compete in the annual interfraternity song fest. Held in the school auditorium before the student body, our men won first place singing the colorful negro spiritual "Joshua"; they won also a handsome cup for singing the best novelty number. The song group was composed of "Gil" Furgerson, Johnny Wallace, Duane Gordon, Clark Johnson, George Haley, Ernie Wilson, Ronny Frazier, Keith Robinett, Bill Barlow, and George Throop.

President Johnny Davis in a recent all-student election was voted "Trojanality Man of 1947." Johnny was also voted as one of the two outstanding squires (sophomore honorary organization) for the 1946-1947 year.

Past President Ernie Wilson was elected president of the Knights (all university service honorary organization).

Spring formal was held this year at Santa Barbara.

We won the interfraternity softball championship by concluding a victory over the Sigma Nus.

Harry Constantis organized a track team to compete in a series of interfraternity track meets on campus.

Ronnie Frazier set a new freshman low hurdle record in the big U.S.C.-Illinois meet.

Jim Sullivan was recently elected president of the Society for the Advancement of Industrial Management.

Bill Colt was elected president of the sophomore class. Ronnie Kane's entry for a new U.S.C. fight song was edged out of first place by 14 votes in an all-university assembly in the school auditorium. Harry Van Cleve, Jr., was elected Phi Beta Kappa. Pete Clower, Jr., Ronnie Frazier and Bill Colt, Jr., were elected into the Squires. John Davis, Jr., was elected into Knights.

Our Mothers' Club gave a garden party at the home of Bill Farrar, donating the proceeds (\$500) to the house for the purchase of furniture and fixtures.

Keith Robinett was chairman of the World Student Service Fund Drive at U.S.C.

### **Tennessee**

DeWitt Yates, our former president, is leaving school for Washington, D.C. Edward A. Brown has been elected president and James Maxey, vice-president.

Earl Pippin, our intramural manager, took first place in pole vault, and Charly Carson second place in the hurdles.

In the annual Tennessee Agriculture Round-up, James Maxey and Bill Johnson won first place cups in calf showing and hog showing, respectively. This makes 3 cups, including homecoming, which have been added to our trophy case this year.

—ANDY NASRALLAH

## Texas

Bill Holloway was tapped by Friars and elected the outstanding member of the chapter; Lanier Adams was elected Sweetheart of the Junior Texas Relays; Leon Norwood was elected to the "T" Association; and Don Kirk was mentioned among the Big Ten of intramural athletics.

As the term closed, the chapter ranked twelfth in all intramural sports, thanks to M. C. Lewis, Don Kirk, Ed Ramey, Jim McClure, Ted Nelson, Don Longnecker, Johnny Huls, and George Hubbard. Though officially inactive during the summer, we have won two out of two softball games. Ted Nelson ranks third in the city league with his .574 batting average, and "Pappy" Lewis has pitched one no-hit no run game.

The future of Texas Alpha depends largely upon our September pledge class, and we are depending heavily upon alumni as well as actives to help in an effort to pledge 50 men.

Officers: Tom Aderhold, comptroller; Jim Collins, "housemother"; Leon Norwood, rush captain; and Jack Johns, historian.

—JACK T. JOHNS

## Tulsa

Outstanding second semester accomplishment was winning the "Singphony." Each spring at T.U. the fraternities and sororities compete in choral singing. This spring Sig Ep entered and won the cup. The songs that turned the trick were the "Russian Drinking Song" and "The Sig Ep Anthem." The fellows deserving the credit for the directing and arranging are George Weaver and Chuck Featherstone, both of the Fine Arts School.

The big talk at the present time is how the chapter is going to attend the Conclave at Kansas City September 2, 3, and 4, and compete in the Tulsa University formal rush 2, 3, 4, and 5. The strength of the pledge class depends on the showing the chapter makes in formal competition with the other campus fraternities.

In softball, which completed the athletic season, the team won 6 and lost 3. Nelson Terrell slammed out home runs in the nine games.



Admiring the cups won in the University of Tulsa Singphony are Sally Overstreet (center), director of the Phi Mu group which won the competition among the sororities, and George Weaver (left) and Chuck Featherstone (right), who directed the Sig Eps in their choral work.

## Wake Forest College

Initiates: Albert K. Hines, Enfield; Frank M. Arrington, Nashville, Tenn.; Roland P. Early, Jr., Raleigh; James Valsame, Canton; and Max W. Williford, Greenville. We have four new pledges: Donald E. Phelps, John H. Graeber, William R. Hobbs, and Max A. Nance. This gives us 60 actives and 6 pledges. Phil Scott has been appointed new pledge master and Bill Wood and Gordon Cherry have been appointed summer athletic directors. Pledge officers are: Donald Phelps, president; John Graeber, vice-president; and Douglas Rivenmark, secretary.

Main offices won by our brothers, both in elections and appointments were: Bill Robbins, editor, the *Student*, the official college magazine; Campbell McMillan, editor, the 1948 *Houler*, the college yearbook; Douglas Turner, Business Manager, *Old Gold and Black*, college newspaper; Hiram Ward, President, Panhellenic council; Olin Reed, secretary, Panhellenic council; Campbell McMillan, secretary, publications board; Bill Wood, Secretary, Progressive Fraternity Party; Paul T. Canady, member publications board; and Bill Wood, junior class representative to the student council. Three received high honors: Campbell McMillan, Omicron Delta Kappa, leadership fraternity and speaker in our Location Week exercises; Bill Robbins, Omicron Delta Kappa; George Stamps, Phi Beta Kappa and speaker during Location Week.

Graduates: Ernest Chappell, George Stamps, Hank Lougee, Richard Gallimore, and Paul Bell.

Sig Eps of this chapter and N. C. Beta at State and the Sig Ep Club of the U. of North Carolina, in an effort to become better acquainted and to promote good-will, played each

other in a game of softball during May. This was followed by a stag party.

The assets of our dining room have been supplemented with the installation of a forty-four cubic foot electric refrigerator. We have also purchased a Stromberg-Carlson radio-phonograph combination. The last publication issued by our chapter was on October 19, 1946—the *Sig Ep Review*—edited by Joseph Christian.

Visitors: Wade Currin, Bedford Black, Buddy Register, Bobby Creech, Ralph Earnhardt, Bob Austin, F. J. Ruck, Heyward Smith, Ernest Chappell, Dick Griffin and Vance B. Gavin, Chi-Tau.

—EMILE T. FISHER

## Washington

Washington Beta operated this year with no house. Dick Keating, George Hallock, Pondo Davis, Wally Samuelson, and Dick Hamack comprised a nucleus to build up membership; 16 men were pledged this year by the combination of alumni and actives' dinners.

The owner of the old Sig Ep house at 16th Avenue and East 45th Street had offered it for sale to the Sig Eps, it was understood, whenever they wanted it. Last fall, he renewed his promise and after much dickering, all his terms were met in a contract. Three weeks before school was out, this businessman decided to give the house to his own fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi. This blow has placed Washington Beta in the role of house hunter.

During the Monday following District Convention, at chapter meeting, Dick Keating was replaced by George Hallock as president; Jim Mergens, vice-president; John Fogle, comptroller; Ken Cahail, historian; Bill Denney, secretary; Bob Jensen and Emmett Miller, marshals; Bruce McKayis, guard.

Jim Mergens was candidate for junior class president. Several brothers are on student body committees. Pledge Earl Robinson, who ran the 440- and 220-yard dashes, will participate at the National A.A.U. and Olympic meets in the 400 meter, 3 feet hurdles.

## Washington State

Semester ended June 16. To start fall semester, such outstanding football players as John Peterson, Bill Smith, and Andy Berg will be on deck when W.S.C. clashes with Michigan in September. Bill Faller and Jim Carden have contributed to the W.S.C. baseball Northwest division championship; Bill Parnell, Dave Carpenter, and Eddie Pillings are outstanding track men.

The spring semi-formal in April was the latest outstanding social function; it was followed by several firesides, after-dinner dances,

and a joint picnic with Kappa Kappa Gamma May 25, with over 50 participating.

Miles Matsen was tapped for Crimson Circle (senior men's service honorary); Don Marble is president of both the Wesley Foundation (Methodist organization) and the Christian Student Council; Bill Faller made the top grades among the members; Norman O'Donnell highest among pledges.

In the intramural competition, to quote the college paper: "Addison Robinson of S.P.E and his opponent put on one of the most outstanding and fastest bouts of the season in boxing."

Officers elected May 26: President, Jack Carlson; vice-president, Herb Gisselberg; recording secretary, Norman O'Donnell; alumni secretary, Bruce McCaw; historian, Hal Narance; Guard, Don Marble; senior marshal, Dave Carpenter; junior marshal, Don Troy; house-cop, Grant Fleshman.

—EDWARD KLING

## Westminster

During the year we have safely tucked away on the trophy shelf cups for football, basketball, softball, and scholarship. Along with the scholarship cup went the fact that Pennsylvania Lambda's scholastic average was higher than the averages of all the men on the campus. Outstanding achievement went to Joe Demoise who was voted the outstanding athlete of the year, and to Bob Hall, the district's champion two-miler.

Alumni Day was celebrated June 7. A business meeting was held during which the by-laws were confirmed. The alumni committee: Ish Fuller, president, Kenneth Hemer (comptroller), Artie Dunn, Harold Glenn, Rube Bennett, Charles Cloth, J. P. Jones.

Plans for the fall are being organized under the leadership of John Gibson, activities committee chairman. Prospects include a glee club, an ice hockey team, a water polo team, and dramatic skits. The house will be painted during the summer session. Jack McDaniels is new interfraternity representative and Russ Herrscher is new interfrat president.

Graduates: Doug Russell, Bob Hope, Dick Downing, John Henry, Chal Zech, Richard Newton, Skip Carlson, Dick Stewart, and Moe Chapman.

—RENNY JACKSON

## Wisconsin

John G. Slater, civil engineering student, was granted one of the eleven national scholarships awarded by the John Morse Memorial Foundation for "outstanding ability, character, and potential leadership." An ex-GI who has achieved a grade point average of 3.00, he is secretary of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

## **Worcester Tech**

Officers: Prescott A. Stevens, president; Wilson Applegate, vice-president; Charles Jones, secretary; Joseph Skidmore, historian; Robert Carlson, senior marshal; George Wiswell, junior marshal; Russell Norris, house manager; and Kenneth Lyons, comptroller.

May 4 initiates: John Adams, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bruce Campbell, Worcester; Bartlett Hastings, Worcester; Donald Jordan, White Plains, N.Y.; Stuart Hathaway, Springfield; Robert Murdock, Hubbardston; Malcolm Horton, Little Silver, N.J.; James Marston, Worcester; George McAllen, Worcester; Robert Padgett, Toledo, Ohio; George Wiswell, Fitchburg. This brings present strength to 66 actives and 2 pledges.

Our Alumni Board is making tentative plans for a new recreational room, which will also contain a War Memorial.

Our chapter ranks fourth on the campus in scholastic standing. The class of 1947 recently gave the house a scholarship plaque on which are engraved the names of the recipients of the Clifford B. Scott Award. The recent ones are 1943-1944, Arthur Rosenquest; 1944-1945, Daniel Lewis; 1945-1947, George Thomson.

Alumni Day at W.P.I. was June 14 and 40 Sig Ep alumni were present, among whom were several former members of TUO and DT who saw this house for the first time. A buffet supper and dancing were on the program for the day. At this time S.P.E. gained a new brother when Carl Shepard Otto, '37, and member of TUO, was initiated.

On the campus Harry Melden was elected treasurer of the Athletic Council, and Robert Smith and Alan Swenson were elected president and vice-president, respectively, of Radio Club. At a recent meeting of the A.S.C.E. Sig Eps were elected to the following offices: vice-president, Prescott Stevens; secretary, Willson Applegate; treasurer, Kirby Weathersby. Prescott Stevens and Kirby Weathersby were responsible for reorganizing and planning the recent convention of the New England A.S.C.E. student chapters, held May 24 in Providence, R.I. In varsity sports we are fairly well represented: tennis, Malcolm Horton; baseball, Robert Carlson; relay team, Bartlett Hastings; rifle team, Robert Whitney and James Marston; sailing team, Karl Berggren; track, John Adams, Glenn From, Bartlett Hastings, Ed Carpenter, Bruce Campbell, and Russell Norris.

In interfraternity competition, we had a leg on the basketball trophy but were contented with second place; we managed a fourth place in the swimming meet. Late in April with Bruce Campbell (high individual point-getter in the meet) and Fred Besslievre, we copped the track trophy as we nosed out PSK by two and one-half points. This win put us in second

place for the athletic trophy, three points behind PSK, with the race still on, depending on softball. We opened the season with two straight losses, coming out of the slump to end in a three-way tie for first place. In the playoff, we overcame a 5-0 deficit to win 8-7 on Bartlett Hastings' two-run double in the last inning. This win gave us the softball cup and the Athletic Trophy.

A victory Dance was held June 21, the last house event for seven Sig Eps who were graduated July 2: Frederick Marvin, Daniel Lewis, Frank Gross, John Hyde, Philip Jones, Robert Yereance, and Ernest Hayeck.

—JOSEPH SKIDMORE

## **Wyoming**

Officers: president, Kenneth Neilsen; vice-president, Henry Barlow; secretary, John Sherman; comptroller, Gordon Diggle; and historian, William Gustin.

Kenneth Shugart, former Wyoming Alpha brother, was awarded the Thompson Trophy at Annapolis for doing the most for the promotion of athletics. He was captain of the Navy basketball team and was selected two consecutive years on the All-Star East squad. Kenny also ranked very high in this year's graduating class.

Ward McDaniels represented this chapter on the state A.A.U. basketball championship team.

Tom Breckey was elected president of the local chapter of the national honorary chemistry fraternity, Gamma Sigma Epsilon.

Initiation was held, with Dr. William C. Smolenske, District Governor, attending. New initiates: Gordon Hughes, Gerald Hennig, Tom Breckey, Frank Kelly, Rex Marcum, Oscar Natwick, Jay Paxton, William Quinn, Robert Reeser, Floyd Schaurmann, Lyle Wilson, and Gus Wiscowitch.

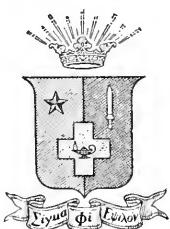
—WILLIAM GUSTIN

## **Middlebury**

The chapter was awarded the Trophy of Trophies for most points for varsity and intramural sports and also the Intramural Trophy, awarded on the point system. Together with these awards the intramural tennis, baseball, basketball, and 3 relay trophies were also added. Individual honors were given to Johnny Corbisiero who won the outstanding individual college award for the most valuable athlete and scholar, and Che Che Barquin and Jack Mulcahy who tied for the most outstanding men in intramural and varsity sports.

The Ski team, which is composed of all Sig Eps but one, finished the season with the most outstanding record of the Eastern colleges. Henderson, Valentine and Paul Kailey, a house privilege, won first, second and fourth places respectively, in the New Hampshire State

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jumping championship while Phil Deane came through with first in cross country. Phil also took second in jumping in the Massachusetts State championship. Don Henderson, who is the greatest all around college skier, took honors at every meet. He placed second in the Eastern Championship on the downhill, second place for the Gibson Trophy and Sugar Slalom at Mt. Mansfield. He was the only American to beat Karl Molitor, the Swiss ace, in the Eastern meets. Jack Valentine, another of the East's best known four-event aces, took first place in jumping at the I.S.U. meet in Montreal.

Tink Bailey was elected captain for this year's team. He took third place in jumping at the I.S.U. and Dartmouth meets. Icky Fife, last year's captain, was put out for the season after breaking his back in a downhill run at the Middlebury Carnival. The ski team altogether took the Intercollegiate title at Montreal, the Harvard Slalom and Vermont State championship and placed in all other meets.

Johnny Corbisiero, Che Che Barquin, Jack Mulcahy, Paul Kailey, Jack Valentine, and Gid LaCroix were all-first string men on last year's varsity baseball team. Che Che ended the season with a batting average of .406 and was chosen captain of the All-Star Vermont state team.

The managers and assistant managers of varsity baseball, track, and hockey were all Sig Eps. In baseball Bill Weeks managed, assisted by Chuck Page—in track Stew Chapin was assisted by Doug Christie and Bob Williams and in hockey Bob Shaham has been chosen manager.

New officers: president, Jack Valentine; vice-president, Bob Boucher; secretary, Bob Williams; corresponding secretary, Curt Cushman; alumni secretary, Ben Bond; historian, Jerry Elbers. Jack Barry was appointed social chairman; Homer Ellis and Irv Meeker, marshals; and John Truesdale, guard. Don Henderson was elected to the Interfraternity Council.

With the necessity of an increase in house revenue and a room shortage in the college the decision to convert the chapter room into a bedroom for four was made. At a minimum of expense the room will be insulated and finished together with the remainder of the attic.

June graduates; Jack Law, Bill Weeks, Jack McGarry, Ev Miller, Pete Jennison, Charles Kitchell and John Heywood.

Phil Deane and Don Henderson were tapped for the Blue Key. Bill Goldthwaite received a 93 average for the year, the highest in the men's college.

—JERRY ELBERS

[The Middlebury chapter letter was received too late to be included in proper alphabetical order in this section. ED.]

# That's about Everything

■ GOOD WILL ITEM. A new ping-pong table has been installed in the recreation room of the Penn Sig Ep house, gift of Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr., alumnus of this chapter.

■ A well-wishing brother, who is an old hand at Conclaves, communicates that it might not be advisable to frown too much on "the



spirit of carnival" which usually characterizes the atmosphere of conventions, no matter how earnest their purpose.

Above all, the prime function of an editor at such occasions, he believes, is to open his notebook and his ears at the sessions, to jot down a note or two, and, for the rest of it, relax and have fun. To illustrate the latter, he appends some sketches which are reproduced on these pages, presumed to be the delineation of the editor, and intended to prescribe certain types of editorial mischief which are quite proper.

We appreciate this advice deeply, recognizing that if an editor has an axe to grind it should be for the sole purpose of sharpening the keys of his typewriter.

■ From the great and sensible city of Cleveland, Ohio, on Lake Erie comes announcement of some sort of remarkable Sig Ep record. When the Sig Eps get together for lunch, according to Earl W. Traster, Ohio Epsilon, '37, president of the chapter, no less than three Number 1 men of their respective chapters, and a Number 2 man of another chapter, sit at one table. These are Doc Charles A. Swann, Ohio Delta, '12, first initiate at Wooster; Myles Wilder, Vermont Alpha, '08, first initiate at Norwich, Hayden Parry, first initiate of the Middlebury chapter, Vermont Beta; and John Fielding, Pennsylvania Alpha, '05, second man to be inducted at Washington and Jefferson College, which was chartered as Sig Ep's third chapter, in 1902, only about a year after the Fraternity's birth.

A chummy shot of this foursome would make an exemplary JOURNAL cover with a lesson for almost everybody.

■ Russ Pratt in his report on the successful District IX and X convention held in Champaign during April discloses that Indiana University is offering something new to fraternities. If the fraternity will furnish lodging for a graduate student the University will pay his tuition. Then this graduate student is to conduct study tables, tutor pledges or actives, and handle any activities pertaining to scholarship that the fraternity chooses and in the manner prescribed by the fraternity.

■ At least one good brother wrote in to say that he had fully expected to find "That's About Everything" in the last JOURNAL, and was disappointed that it had not been included. "Sometimes in these odds and ends of information which seem to fit in nowhere else one learns of matters that are the most interesting," he wrote.

Another brother wrote that if the editor happened to be too busy to include a department of news about other fraternities (Pan Hellenic) he would be happy to prepare it provided that Central Office would send him copies of other Greek-letter publications.

It should have been explained in the last issue that both these departments had been prepared, but there wasn't room for everything and hence it seemed best to omit these. What is important, we think, is that excellent reports from 60 active chapters were printed, including



plenty of interesting photos, for it is in the chapter houses that fraternity develops.

Still another reader writes in to remind that the report of the Executive Committee meeting in Tulsa last autumn mentioned something about an enlarged budget capable of supporting the publication of 96-page issues instead of 80-page ones. "My impression," he says, "is that the pages are no more numerous than they were during the war, and yet there is more money to spend (30 per cent more?)" It happens that our printer would like such readers as this to know that it costs more than 30 per cent more now to get out an 80-page issue than it did only two years ago.

■ One of the things this column could have mentioned in May is that Field Secretary Frank Ruck, Jr., who has resigned his post, incidentally, wrote his swell article for that issue in response to the suggestion made in the February T.A.E. (That's About Everything) that a travelogue of the Field Secretaries would be eagerly welcomed by many readers as highly interesting stuff.

Now along comes a letter from a deep-dyed Sig Ep enthusiast who remembers with relish, he says, the informative travel talks of the Sig Ep domain Bill Hindman used to contribute to the JOURNAL in those days when he was a field man. This fan asserts that "the letters of the chapters are all one story of *Things-are-going-great-men*, and it is almost impossible to tell what is really going on. All chapter historians seem to boast in the same spirit and with the same approach so that everything sounds alike."

A Field Secretary's conscientious report, however, this discerning brother would warn us, succeeds in evaluating chapter progress, or lack of it, according to some pretty realistic points. "This," concludes our correspondent, "the members of Sigma Phi Epsilon should be entitled to read."

■ **TO THE NEW HISTORIANS.** Renny Jackson, of Erie, Pa., one of the new crop of active chapter historians, wants to know "What is the procedure in sending in photographs to be put in the JOURNAL?" The procedure is to send in the good ones and to try to delegate some man in the chapter who is handy with camera to be responsible for this phase. Make an extra print for the JOURNAL, and kiss it goodbye when you send it, as to return all prints received is a simple impossibility, and few are worth returning once the photoengraver gets through.

Good snapshots expertly snapped with a good camera usually turn out well. Papier-mâché matrices are not usable; JOURNAL halftones are engraved 120 screen.

Type your copy double-space, and don't be afraid of using extra paper. Use Christian names instead of nicknames. Verify facts and get them complete. In most cases marriages are very inadequately reported, like "Joe took the fatal step last month."

Place the facts foremost and don't smother them with wordy embellishment and bragadocio.

■ For the benefit of those who are forever asking us to send them the deadline for material for issues of the JOURNAL, the dates are always published on the Contents page, have been for something like fifteen years.

The next issue is the November one, for which material must be in hand by September

20. Chapter historians will be reminded of this copy-due date still a third time when the copy-call goes out to them around September 1.

Just about the time this issue reaches the readers, the editor will have a new address and a permanent one, we hope, and we will no longer be "peripatetic," as former Grand Secretary Herb Heilig used to say. This is: 38-24 210th Street, Bayside, N.Y. This address, incidentally, also appears on the Contents page.

■ The Sig Eps who served in the late war are very strongly urged to send record data to the Central Office, as well as to their own chapters, if they have not already done so.

As the past fades into the far past, the importance will be heightened of both the accuracy and completeness of individual Sig Ep war records. Please co-operate.

■ An inspiring example of spirit arrived some months ago from Jack Smolenske, historian of Colorado Beta and son of the Senior Grand Marshal. It is the story of a Sig Ep chapter which won second place for the best decorated house at homecoming when it did not even have a house.

As Jack tells it, "During homecoming at Denver University all the fraternities and sororities decorate their houses and compete for the best decoration. This year at D. U. homecoming Sigma Phi Epsilon, not having a house, obtained permission from the University to decorate the vacant lot where we plan to build.



The football game was with Utah, so we made the lot into a cemetery or "Happy Hunting Ground" for the Ute football team. Our slogan was *Pioneers, scalp the Utes, we buried them here, you bury them there.*

"The evening before the game we played funeral music over a loud speaker and gave a mock funeral for the last Ute. Our decorations took second place in the house decorations, and we did not even have a house to decorate."

■ This column is about everything. Two Rotarians named Lyle Brown answered the same telephone call at the Rotary Convention in San Francisco recently, both of them telephone men. The non-Sig Ep was Lyle M. Brown, division manager of the Pacific Telephone Company at San Francisco, the other was Lyle Z. Brown, district manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Sedalia, Mo., a loyal alumnus of Kansas Gamma.

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